

# COMMITTEE OF LIAISON

## with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam

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May 4, 1970

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From: Rev. Richard Fernandez

To: The families of the 335 presently confirmed prisoners held in North Vietnam

Re: Information on correspondence with prisoners

On April 20th I returned from a three-week trip to Laos and North Vietnam. In North Vietnam I spoke with officials responsible for communication between pilots held in detention there and their families here. The following information was emphasized to me by the North Vietnamese authorities and we are anxious to make sure that you are aware of it:

- 1) The Vietnamese recommend that families use the air-letter form (enclosed) for correspondence.
- 2) Communication to pilots should be limited to matters of family and health.
- 3) Pilots are allowed to receive one letter per month and one package every other month (not over six pounds in weight).

Detention Camp authorities have said that they do not wish to receive several letters and/or packages per month for a given pilot from different members of the same family. Families should make arrangements for alternating letters each month if different members

want to write.

The North Vietnamese authorities indicated that, from this point forward, they will not feel responsible for forwarding letters and packages that do not adhere to the above.

If the letter form is mailed directly it can go in another envelope but the mail route, "via Moscow, U.S.S.R.," should definitely be included in the address. If letters are sent to the Committee of Liaison for forwarding please enclose but do not affix stamps as we send letters on in packets. The Committee cannot forward packages for families.

While I was in Hanoi, Prof. Douglas Dowd of Cornell University and I met with three pilots: Cdr. Robert Schweitzer of Lemoore, California; Cdr. Walter Wilbur of Virginia Beach and Lt. Col. Edison Miller of Santa Ana, California. The three men were in good health, and said they had daily exercise and reading material. The three pilots advised us that they had been getting letters and packages from their

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families, and asked that packages include toilet articles and canned foods. In particular they mentioned soap, shaving cream (no razors or blades), toothpaste, powdered milk and cream, instant coffee and non-melting candy. They said they do not need clothes.

Also, in my discussions with the Vietnam Committee of Solidarity with the American People, the Committee of Liaison's contact in North Vietnam, we confirmed that since December over 300 letters have been sent from Hanoi through the Committee of Liaison. Of those, 156 letters are still on their way from Hanoi to families here.

We hope that this information clarifies some aspects of correspondence for you. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

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Dear friend:

A delegation of anti-war activists has just returned from a 10-day trip to Hanoi. Charlotte Bunche-Weeks, Jerry Schwinn, Frank Joyce and Elizabeth Martinez brought 47 letters from prisoners with them and we are very happy to forward yours today.

They also brought out additional suggestions for items which could be included in packages which we thought might be useful to you. Vitamins, minerals and protein are high on the list. Tooth brushes, tooth paste, soap, body powder, foot powder, hard candies, coffee, sweeteners, tobacco, gum, instant breakfast, powdered sweet drinks, instant chocolate drink, tinned ham, peanut butter, cheese spreads, playing cards, travel chess-checkers sets, pipes, pipe cleaners. These are merely suggestions and packages, of course, are not limited to these items.

The arrival of this mail brings the number of letters from prisoners sent out since December to 861.

Sincerely,

*Cora Weiss*  
Cora Weiss

# COMMITTEE OF PRISON

*with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam*

300 West 42nd Street, New York, N.Y. 10018

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CABLE ADDRESS:

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Co-chairmen:

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May 13, 1970

Treasurer:

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Dear friend:

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Trudi Young

Today we received two packages of letters which we have been expecting from prisoners held in North Vietnam. The total number of letters in both packages was 156. Although the packages were mailed a month apart, they both arrived here today.

We are very happy to send herewith the letter addressed to you.

Sincerely,

*Barbara Webster*

Barbara Webster

\*staff



62c 801-81-2

Mrs. [REDACTED] understands that COLIFAM was founded following the return of ETHEL TAYLOR, MADELINE DUCKLES, both COLIFAM committee members, and CORA WEISS, a COLIFAM co-chairman, from their trip to North Vietnam during December, 1969. 62c

Mrs. [REDACTED] Pennsylvania, advised Mrs. [REDACTED] that she has been in touch with COLIFAM committee member ETHEL TAYLOR, who told her that people residing on the West Coast desiring to forward mail to prisoners in North Vietnam should forward their letters to MADELINE DUCKLES, 51 Eucalyptus Pass, Berkeley, California, whose name appears on the COLIFAM letterhead as a committee member. 62c

Mrs. [REDACTED] advised that she understands that Mrs. [REDACTED] California, traveled to Berkeley, California, and talked to MADELINE DUCKLES and was advised that her husband was deceased and that the North Vietnamese officials would never have lied about that. Mrs. [REDACTED] advised that Mrs. [REDACTED] Los Angeles, California, was in contact with COLIFAM co-chairman CORA WEISS and understands that she has received letters from WEISS. 62c

Mrs. [REDACTED] stated that Mrs. [REDACTED] Colorado, has been in contact with COLIFAM and was told that her husband was deceased. 1601-712-2 62c

Mrs. [REDACTED] Florida, was also told by COLIFAM that her husband was deceased. 62c

Mrs. [REDACTED] advised that Mr. [REDACTED] previously of [REDACTED] New York, recently moved to [REDACTED] and has a son missing in action in Vietnam. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] 62c

[REDACTED] New York City, New York [REDACTED] together went to the office of COLIFAM. [REDACTED] has a brother missing in action in Vietnam. 62c

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Mrs. [REDACTED] advised that she understands Mrs. [REDACTED] California, contacted [REDACTED] committee member Reverend RICHARD FERNANDEZ following his return from Hanoi about April 20, 1970. b7c

b7c On June 1, 1970, Mrs. [REDACTED] California, advised Mrs. [REDACTED] that, on June 8, 1970, KEN KIRKPATRICK, American Friends Service Committee, 814 Northeast 40th Street, Seattle, Washington, was planning a trip to Hanoi and that he would deliver any mail received by him prior to Saturday June 6, 1970. Mrs. [REDACTED] additionally advised Mrs. [REDACTED] that she had been in contact with committee member MADELINE DUCKLES.

b7c Mrs. [REDACTED] advised that she had had no personal, telephonic, or correspondence contact with COLIFAM other than the receipt of the above five letters from that organization. She could furnish no further information regarding COLIFAM.

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*Bornth* Date June 9, 1970

Mrs. [REDACTED] California, advised that her husband has been missing in action in the U.S. Navy in Vietnam for over two years. *b7c*

She advised that, during the period March 9 through March 23, 1970, she and Mrs. [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] Texas, went to Paris to visit the offices of the North Vietnamese embassy to attempt to learn whether her husband is deceased or a prisoner of war. She advised that she wrote to that delegation in February, 1970, advising them that she intended to visit their offices in Paris, France. *b7c*

While in Paris, Mrs. [REDACTED] and Mrs. [REDACTED] had contact during an approximately ten-day period on numerous occasions with the officials of the Office of the Delegate General of the Government of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam. She advised that, for the most part, she received rude treatment from them and no information concerning her husband. *b7c*

After recontacting the North Vietnamese officials over a period of approximately ten days, she was personally handed a letter dated March 18, 1970, by a representative of that office, which letter is hereinafter set forth in detail: *b7c*

*170 1-11-70*

On 6/5/70 at [REDACTED] California File # SD 105-7282  
 by SA [REDACTED] *b7c* Date dictated 6/9/70

Paris, March 18, 1970

Prompted by our humanitarian policy regarding the question of American pilots captured in North Viet-Nam during the American war of aggression against our people, we have already answered your requests for information on the fate of your husbands and explained at the same time the policy of the Government of the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam.

If you have already contacted the New York Committee of Liaison With Families of American Servicemen Captured in North Viet-Nam, you should give that Committee the necessary time to have information to give you.

In addition, your request will be forwarded to the appropriate authorities.

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Office of the Delegate General of  
the Government of the Democratic  
Republic of Viet-Nam

Mrs.  
Mrs.

SD 105-7282

*b2c* *801-81-2*  
Mrs. [REDACTED] advised that she was told no other information not contained in the above letter.

*b2c*  
Following Mrs. [REDACTED] return to her residence in [REDACTED] California, she received delivery of a Western Union telegram, dated March 9, 1970, at Paris, France, which apparently had been sent by the North Vietnamese officials prior to her departure.

That telegram is set forth in detail as follows:

Telegram

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SSC388 L TLA398 LDXH133 ZCZC PSX299 307052 GG INTL SUDX PARIS  
052 36 9 1725

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PILOTES AMERICAINS CAPTURES AU NOREVIETNAM ONT ETE AUTORISES  
A CORRESPONDRE AVEC FAMILLES PRIERE CONTACTER COMMITTEE OF  
LIAISON WITH FAMILIES OF SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN NORTHPIETNAM  
365 WEST 42 STREET NEWYORK 10036

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The text of the Western Union telegram dated March 9, 1970, at Paris, France, received by Mrs. [REDACTED] is translated as follows:

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"Captured American pilots in North Vietnam have been authorized to correspond with families through Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam, 365 West 42nd Street, New York, New York 10036."

Born [unclear]



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : *NSW* [REDACTED] *b7c*  
SAC, DETROIT (100-37260) (RUC) *80 m m m*

DATE: 6/16/70

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH  
FAMILIES OF SERVICEMEN  
DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM  
IS-MISC.  
(INFO CONCERNING)  
(OO: WFO)

Re WFO airtel and LHM, dated 4/24/70, captioned  
as above.

Enclosed for WFO are two copies each of the  
following communications captioned [REDACTED] *b7c*  
Detroit airtel and LHM, dated 3/13/69, and Chicago letter  
and LHM dated 4/30/70. *80 m m m*

The Bureau has previously been furnished copies  
of these enclosures that have been indicated above for  
WFO.

Detroit is conducting no further investigation  
at this time and is considering this matter as RUC.

- ② - Bureau (RM)
  - 3 - WFO (Enc. 4) (RM)  
(2-100-50739)  
(1-100-48928)
  - 2 - Detroit  
(1-157-1142)
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- [REDACTED] *b7c*
- (7) [REDACTED] *b7c*
- 100-50739  
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- [REDACTED] *b7c*
- 7-29-93

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-457399)

DATE: 6/26/70

FROM : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (100-15134) (P)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES OF  
SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM (COLIFAM)  
IS - MISCELLANEOUS  
REGISTRATION ACT

OO: NEW YORK

Re Minneapolis airtel to Bureau dated 6/11/70 and  
New York airtel to Bureau dated 6/9/70.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM  
captioned "COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES OF SERVICEMEN  
DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM (COLIFAM)." Enclosed for New York  
are three copies of this LHM.

LEAD

MINNEAPOLIS DIVISION

Will interview Mrs. [REDACTED]  
Minnesota, concerning her knowledge of COLIFAM and proceed  
with leads set out in referenced New York airtel of 6/9/70.

AGENCY: ACSI, [REDACTED]; SEC. SER: [REDACTED]

DATE: [REDACTED], [REDACTED], RAO, ISO, SIAT

DATE FORW: 7-2-70

HOW FORW: [REDACTED]

BY: [REDACTED]

- 2 - Bureau (Encl. 11) (RM)
- 3 - New York (100-168469) (Encl. 3) (RM)
- 2 - Minneapolis

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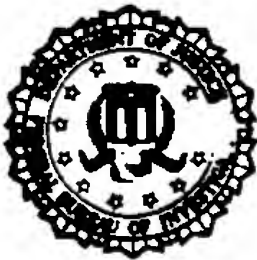
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In Reply, Please Refer to  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Minneapolis, Minnesota

June 26, 1970

COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES OF  
SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM (COLIFAM)

b2c

Mrs. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Minnesota, was interviewed on June 22, 1970, at  
which time she furnished the following information:

Rom [REDACTED]

7-29-93 9803

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date June 26, 1970

Mrs. [REDACTED]  
advised as follows:

Mrs. [REDACTED] is the wife of [REDACTED] United States Air Force (USAF), who has been listed by the Department of Defense as missing in action [REDACTED] 1969. The [REDACTED] are parents of five minor children, and Mrs. [REDACTED] has heard nothing of or from her husband since 1969.

Mrs. [REDACTED] stated there are no Committee of Liaison With Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam (COLIFAM) activities or members to her knowledge in the Minnesota area. She is not aware of any contact by members of COLIFAM with others in this area whose relatives are men listed as missing in action or held prisoners of war in North Vietnam with the exception of Mrs. [REDACTED] Minnesota. Mrs. [REDACTED] husband [REDACTED] USAF, has been a known prisoner of war in North Vietnam [REDACTED] and Mrs. [REDACTED] is believed to have received some correspondence from her husband via COLIFAM.

Further, Mrs. [REDACTED] supposedly learned that she is included among those individuals whose husbands or relatives had written letters which were brought back from Hanoi in the recent past by Mrs. JERRY RUBIN, who visited there sometime within the past one month period. According to Mrs. [REDACTED] Mrs. JERRY RUBIN is the wife of JERRY RUBIN, who in February, 1970, was found guilty in U. S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois, Chicago, Illinois, for violating the Federal Anti-Riot Law Statute for traveling in interstate commerce from outside the state of Illinois with intent to incite riots in Chicago, Illinois, during the Democratic National Convention in August, 1968.

Mrs. [REDACTED] was unable to state whether or not Mrs. [REDACTED] actually received such a letter from her husband, noting that Mrs. [REDACTED] has been out of the Twin Cities area and is not expected to return to her home until sometime at the end of June, 1970.

On 6/22/70 at [REDACTED] Minnesota File # MP 100-15134  
by SA [REDACTED] Date dictated 6/23/70

*Continued*  
Mrs. [REDACTED] <sup>b2c</sup> traveled to Laos in April, 1970, in a fruitless effort to learn something about her husband. Her efforts included about a fifteen minute interview with Reverend RICHARD FERNANDEZ, who was in Laos at the same time and who is affiliated with COLIFAM. She met with Reverend FERNANDEZ on or about April 8, 1970, at the Lanexang Hotel in Vientiane, Laos. While in Vientiane she learned that Reverend FERNANDEZ was also visiting in that city, and she decided to contact him <sup>b2c</sup> in relation to her husband. Mrs. [REDACTED] considered her interview with Reverend FERNANDEZ as a complete waste of time and described him as an unkind individual who was unsympathetic of her efforts to obtain some information about her husband.

According to Mrs. [REDACTED] <sup>b2c</sup> Reverend FERNANDEZ gave her no indication one way or another that he could obtain information about her husband, and spent most of the time being critical of United States military efforts in Southeast Asia. Reverend FERNANDEZ volunteered no information to Mrs. [REDACTED] who again stated that she considered her discussions with Reverend FERNANDEZ as a complete waste of time. <sup>b2c</sup>

This is the extent of her contact with anyone affiliated with COLIFAM, and she indicated that if necessary, she would be willing to cooperate should her testimony be needed at a later date.



COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES OF  
SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM (COLIFAM)

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

# Memorandum

TO : Director, Federal Bureau  
of Investigation

DATE: June 26, 1970

FROM: *JW*  
J. Walter Yeagley  
Assistant Attorney General  
Internal Security Division

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE OF LIASON WITH  
FAMILIES OF SERVICEMEN DETAINED  
IN NORTH VIETNAM (COLIFAM)  
REGISTRATION ACT

*b7c*  
*E012812-2*  
Reference is made to your Bureau's letterhead memorandum dated June 11, 1970, at Minneapolis, Minnesota, captioned as above, in which the results of an interview with Mrs. [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] the wife of a presumed prisoner of war in North Vietnam, is set out. *b7c*

*b7c*  
It is noted that pages eight, nine and ten of the above memorandum contain a copy of a letter with enclosures to Mrs. [REDACTED] dated April 20, 1970, from Cora Weiss, an official of the captioned organization. In view of this Division's continuing interest in the captioned organization with respect to its possible obligations under the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended, and the possible evidentiary value of the above letter in that connection it is requested that your Bureau obtain and preserve the original of the above mentioned letter with enclosures. *b7c*

*1cc 902 918*

*1cc MP 8,07  
for action - 6/29/70*

*"Handle promptly" b7c*

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*b7c*

EXP. PROC.

JUN 29 1970



1r. [REDACTED]

b2c  
for [REDACTED]

Assistant Attorney General  
Internal Security Division

July 1, 1970

Director, FBI

b2c  
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COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH  
FAMILIES OF SERVICEMEN DETAINED  
IN NORTH VIETNAM (COLIFAM)  
REGISTRATION ACT

Re [REDACTED]

Reference is made to your letter dated June 26, 1970, requesting this Bureau to obtain the original of a letter of possible evidentiary value to this investigation.

This matter has been referred to our Minneapolis Office for action and you will be apprised of the results.

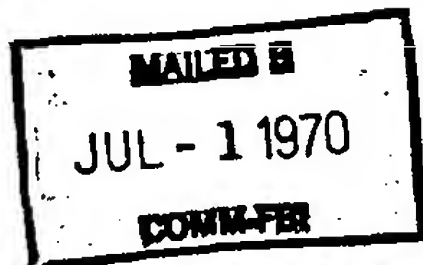
[REDACTED] b2c  
(4)

NOTE:

At the request of the Department we are conducting Registration Act investigation of COLIFAM to determine if individuals connected with this group should be required to register as foreign agents. Several individuals connected with the New Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam are responsible for COLIFAM activity. The Department requested that we obtain the original of a letter set forth in a letterhead memorandum previously furnished to the Department. This letter was from an official of COLIFAM to the wife of a presumed prisoner of war in North Vietnam.

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FBI

Date: 6/11/70

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_

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Via AIRTEL

(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-457899)

FROM : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (100-15134) (P)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES OF  
SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM (COLIFAM)  
IS - MISC  
REGISTRATION ACT

OO: NEW YORK

Re Bureau airtel 5/28/70 and New York airtel 6/9/70.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM captioned "Committee of Liaison With Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam (COLIFAM)." Enclosed for New York are three copies of this LHM.

No lead is being set out to interview Mrs. [REDACTED] mentioned in the LHM, since San Diego was requested to interview her per Bureau airtel 5/28/70.

The attention of the Bureau and New York Office is directed to the 4/20/70 letter from CORA WEISS to [REDACTED] wherein "COLIFAM" is spelled "COLIAFAM".

LEADMINNEAPOLIS DIVISION

Will interview Mrs. [REDACTED] Minn. and Mrs. [REDACTED] concerning their knowledge of COLIFAM.

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- 3 - New York (Enc. 3) (RM)
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Approved: [REDACTED]

Sent \_\_\_\_\_

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Per [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Agent in Charge



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Minneapolis, Minnesota

June 11, 1970

COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH  
FAMILIES OF SERVICEMEN DETAINED  
IN NORTH VIETNAM (COLIFAM)

Mrs. [REDACTED] b2c  
Minnesota, was interviewed on June 10, 1970, at which time  
she furnished the following information:

Wade BC

Bo 128222

7-29-93 8-9808

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date June 11, 1970

*b2c*

Mrs. [REDACTED]  
Minnesota, advised as follows:

*b2c*

Mrs. [REDACTED] is the wife of [REDACTED] United States Air Force (USAF). While piloting an F-105 on a USAF flight mission somewhere north of the demilitarized zone in Vietnam, [REDACTED] aircraft was shot down on [REDACTED] 1968, and he was officially declared as missing by the Department of Defense (DOD) for a two-month period following. Based upon an article appearing in a Hanoi newspaper indicating that an un-named USAF pilot was captured, alive, and shot down on [REDACTED] 1968 in the general area where [REDACTED] was last heard from, the DOD changed [REDACTED] status from missing to Prisoner of War. The [REDACTED] are parents of four minor children, and Mrs. [REDACTED] has heard absolutely nothing of or from [REDACTED] since [REDACTED] 1968.

*b2c*

Mrs. [REDACTED] has been unsuccessful in her attempts to obtain any information whatsoever concerning her husband via efforts of the International Red Cross, various agencies of the U. S. Government, and other organizations. She is extremely praiseworthy of all efforts expended by these various organizations on her behalf in an attempt to seek information concerning [REDACTED] but stated flatly that the problem lies in Hanoi.

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Mrs. [REDACTED] has had contacts with other wives of men missing in action or held prisoners by the North Vietnamese Government, in hopes that through concerted efforts and/or an exchange of information among them, some positive results may perhaps be accomplished.

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As a result of her involvement in these related efforts, Mrs. [REDACTED] accompanied the following wives to Washington, D. C. in May, 1970, at which time they met with Attorney General MITCHELL, Defense Secretary LAIRD, and other Government officials, principally to seek assistance in learning the fate of their husbands as well as other men missing in action or held prisoners of war in North Vietnam on whom no word has been received.

On 6/10/70 at Minnesota File # MP 100-15134  
by SA [REDACTED] Date dictated 6/11/70



*b2c*  
Mrs. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Florida

Mrs. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Virginia

*Colin*  
Mrs. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Virginia

Mrs. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] California

*b2c*  
Mrs. [REDACTED] stated that Mrs. [REDACTED] and is a person most knowledgeable relative to the various organizations and perhaps COLIFAM, whose functions, among others, includes efforts seeking to facilitate communication between families in the United States and servicemen imprisoned in North Vietnam.

*b2c*  
Mrs. [REDACTED] stated there is no COLIFAM activity or members in the Minnesota area. She is not aware of any contact by COLIFAM with others in this area, with the exception of Mrs. [REDACTED] Minnesota, who received a Christmas card on one occasion through partial efforts of COLIFAM. Mrs. [REDACTED] husband, [REDACTED] USAF, has been a known prisoner of war in North Vietnam since March, 1967.

*b2c*  
Also, Mrs. [REDACTED] Minnesota, has had some limited contact with Reverend RICHARD FERNANDEZ of COLIFAM in relation to her husband [REDACTED] USAF, who has been listed as missing in action in Vietnam since February, 1969.

*b2c*  
Mrs. [REDACTED] herself has telephoned CORA WEISS from her residence on several occasions in the past in relation to her husband, [REDACTED]. Mrs. [REDACTED] telephoned WEISS in New York City, New York, telephone number 212-765-1490. The last telephone call made by Mrs. [REDACTED] to CORA WEISS occurred about three weeks ago. It is Mrs. [REDACTED] opinion that COLIFAM as an organization is unnecessary. She knows of no specific example of any positive services accomplished by COLIFAM. She has no

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knowledge of COLIFAM ever performing any tangible good, and she feels strongly that in her personal opinion COLIFAM is only an instrument of the North Vietnamese Government that performs no specific good and that it functions in some unknown capacity primarily for furthering communist ends. b2c

On one of her telephone conversations with CORA WEISS, the latter, perhaps in an attempt to impress Mrs. [redacted] of the importance of COLIFAM, mentioned that the organization was successful in obtaining the names of 335 American men officially confirmed as being held in North Vietnam and that all but 22 of their families have received mail. Mrs. [redacted] is included among the 22 who have not heard from their respective relatives imprisoned in North Vietnam. b2c

Mrs. [redacted] also volunteered the following information concerning personal contact by her and three other local wives, including Mrs. [redacted] of [redacted] Minnesota, with DAVID DELLINGER in Minneapolis on October 31, 1969. DELLINGER was at that time in Minneapolis where he delivered a speech at the University of Minnesota. Contact with him was made on the campus of the University of Minnesota sometime following his speech. She stated that DAVID DELLINGER, whom she described as the leader of the New Mobilization Committee, assured the group of four wives whose service husbands are missing in action or prisoners in Southeast Asia, that his organization, the New Mobilization Committee, would privately, not publicly, notify families of United States prisoners if and when his organization is supplied information about prisoners held by the North Vietnamese. Mrs. [redacted] stated that the four wives met with Mr. DELLINGER to ask him what information his attorney, Mr. WILLIAM KUNSTLER, received from the North Vietnamese during Mr. KUNSTLER's recent trip to Paris in behalf of Mr. DELLINGER. The wives also asked DELLINGER how his organization proposes to notify the closest of kin if the organization is provided information about prisoners by the North Vietnamese. Mrs. [redacted] stated that the four wives welcomed Mr. DELLINGER's assurance that any information, good or bad, received by his organization concerning men missing in action or held prisoner, would not be announced publicly but would be transmitted privately to each family. According to Mrs. [redacted] DELLINGER appeared confident that he would receive information from North Vietnam about American prisoners, although he did not indicate when he thought the news would arrive. b2c

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Mrs. [REDACTED] stated that to date no word from the North Vietnamese had been forthcoming despite their pledge to notify those who visited Paris or who wrote requesting information. Mrs. [REDACTED] stated none of the four wives, including herself, have heard anything from DELLINGER. Mrs. [REDACTED] indicated that if necessary, she would be willing to cooperate should her testimony be needed at a later date.

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She identified DAVI DELLINGER and CORA WEISS as co-chairmen of COLIFAM based on the fact that they were so identified on the letterhead of a letter dated April 20, 1970, received by Mrs. [REDACTED] from CORA WEISS, in which WEISS enclosed a letter form to be utilized by Mrs. [REDACTED] when transmitting messages to her husband, [REDACTED]. Mrs. [REDACTED] indicated she has not as yet utilized this letter form and that in the event she decided to do so and received any affirmative results, she would notify the proper authorities.

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She again stated she has not heard of or from her husband since he was proclaimed missing in action on [REDACTED] 1968.



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David Dellinger

A characterization of David Dellinger is contained in the characterization of "Liberation" Magazine which is attached hereto. In addition, on February 18, 1970, David Dellinger was found guilty in the United States District Court, Northern District of Illinois, Chicago, Illinois, for violating the Federal Anti-Riot Law Statute for traveling in interstate commerce from outside the State of Illinois with intent to incite riots in Chicago, Illinois, during the Democratic National Convention in August, 1968. On February 20, 1970, he was sentenced to five years imprisonment and fined \$5,000. On February 28, 1970, the United States Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit, Chicago, Illinois, ordered them released on \$25,000 bond each pending appeals of their convictions.

Cora Weiss

In March, 1956, a second source advised that Weiss, then Cora Rubin while attending the University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin, was present at a public meeting sponsored by the University of Wisconsin Chapter of the Labor Youth League (LYL).

The LYL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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Mrs. [REDACTED] made available the attached, which is a xerox copy of the April 20, 1970, letter to her from Cora Weiss, co-chairman of COLIFAM. Also attached is a xerox copy of the letter form to be utilized by Mrs. [REDACTED] when corresponding with her husband, [REDACTED]

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# COMMITTEE OF VISON

with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam

365 West 42nd Street, New York, N.Y. 10036

(212) 765-149

CABLE ADDRESS:  
COLIAFAM

April 20, 1970

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Cora Weiss

Treasurer:

Mrs. Anne Bennett

Committee

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Prof. Richard Falk  
Rev. Richard Fernandez  
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Maggie Geddes  
Steve Halliwell  
Prof. Donald Kalish  
Stewart Meacham  
Prof. Bea Seitzman  
Prof. Franz Schurmann  
Ethel Taylor  
Barbara Webster  
Trudy Young

\*staff

Dear Mrs. [REDACTED]

Rev. Richard Fernandez, a member of this Committee has just returned from a two week trip to Laos and North Vietnam. While there, he saw and interviewed three pilots and travelled through the country.

Rev. Fernandez brought back 202 letters from pilots. He was informed by Vietnamese authorities that while you may have written letters to your husband they have not successfully reached their destination.

The Vietnamese have asked us, therefore, to let you know this and to ask you to use the enclosed letter form when writing once a month. Rev. Fernandez was also informed that letters should be about matters of family and health.

Packages, which are permitted every other month, under six pounds, should include toilet items and tinned foods. Instant coffee and powdered milk or cream was suggested by the pilots with whom he met and they stressed that clothing should not be included.

We send mail regularly in packages to the Camp of Detention and would be happy to forward your letters as well, although you certainly may send the mail directly as addressed on the letter form. We expect to be receiving mail from prisoners in packages on a regular basis and will be forwarding them to you as fast as we get them.

Please feel free to call or write if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely yours,

Cora Weiss  
Cora Weiss,  
Co-chairman

**NGƯỜI GỬI (Addressor)**

**HỌ TÊN (Name in full):**

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**SỐ LÍNH (Service number):** .....

**NƠI VÀ NGÀY SINH (Date & place of birth):**

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**ĐỊA CHỈ (Address):**

**TRẠI GIAM PHI CÔNG MỸ BỊ BẮT TẠI  
NƯỚC VIỆT - NAM DÂN CHỦ CỘNG HÒA**

*(Camp of detention for U.S. pilots captured  
in the DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC of VIETNAM)*

**VIA MOSCOW, USSR**

**COMMITTEE OF LIAISON**

**with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam**

**GỬI (Addressee)**

**HỌ TÊN (Name in full):**

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**ĐỊA CHỈ (Address):**

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Committee of Liaison With  
Families of Servicemen Detained  
in North Vietnam (COLIFAM)

APPENDIX

1.

LIBERATION MAGAZINE

"Liberation" Magazine (LM) is self-described as an independent monthly with offices at 339 Lafayette Street, New York, New York. A "Statement of Ownership, Management and Circulation" was published in the November, 1968 issue. It listed the Publisher and Editor of the magazine as DAVE DELLINGER. The circulation was given as 10,000.

The following comments appeared in a leaflet distributed by LM in May, 1968:

"Since its inception in 1956, Liberation has played an active and creative role in the growth of the new radicalism in the United States. From civil rights to black liberation, from 'ban the bomb' to the movement to end the war in Vietnam, Liberation has been vital. Its radical critique of American society and its emphasis on democratic and direct action against the inequalities and injustice of our present social structure have inspired radicals, young and old."

"In addition, Liberation will continue to carry articles and discussions written by and to community organizers, student and non-student activists, educators, economists and social scientists - of interest to anybody concerned with building a radical and nonviolent movement that will bring a fundamental change to the existing order."

On May 14, 1963, a source advised that during a speech in New York, New York, on May 10, 1963, DAVE DELLINGER identified himself as a pacifist. He stated it was necessary to abolish the cause of war, which was Capitalism. He advocated a Communist society and said, "I am a Communist," but further stated he was not a Soviet type Communist.



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Date: 7-2-70

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Via AIRTELAIRMAIL

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-457899)

FROM: SAC, COLUMBIA (100-909) (P)

COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES  
OF SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN NORTH  
VIETNAM (COLIFAM)

IS - MISC

REGISTRATION ACT

OO: NEW YORK

ReNYairtel to Bureau, 6-9-70.

On 7-2-70, [REDACTED], 111th MIG, Columbia,  
S. C., advised as follows:

He knows of no activity on the part of captioned organization in the state of South Carolina. He knows of no servicemen formerly residing in the state of South Carolina who were contacted by means of Colifam while they were prisoners of war. He recently debriefed Sgt. WILLIE WATKINS of Sumter, S. C., who was released by the Viet Cong and specifically asked WATKINS this question concerning any organization in this country which may have contacted his relatives.

[REDACTED] advised that he knows of no family of servicemen formerly or currently having relatives POW in Vietnam who were contacted by captioned organization or its members.

He stated that he has no information concerning any activity on the part of this organization in South Carolina.

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2- New York (100-168469) (RM)  
2- Columbia [REDACTED]

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It is to be noted that New York LHM dated 6-9-70, listed three individuals from South Carolina, including two with Air Force serial numbers and the third was Col. ROBERT ST. CLAIR PANT, JR., 653848.

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*b7c* [redacted] advised that this is possibly a Marine Corps serial number but noted that it does not have a zero in front of the number to indicate this person is an officer. He stated that he had never heard of this individual and could furnish no information concerning him or his relatives.

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On 7-2-70, [redacted] Marine Corps Recruit Station, Columbia, S. C., advised that he had never heard of Col. ROBERT ST. CLAIR PANT, JR. He said that the serial number 653848 could be a Marine serial number; however, all officers' serial numbers in the U. S. Marine Corps begin with zero.

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On 7-2-70, [redacted] 111th MIG, Columbia, S. C., after telephonically checking with Shaw AFB, S. C., advised that the Personnel Affairs Office, Building 1411 (Service Club) at Shaw AFB, S. C., has the names and addresses of 17 Air Force families residing in the Sumter, S. C., area whose husbands are either prisoners of war or missing in action in Vietnam. He said [redacted] or [redacted] (Phonetic) could furnish information concerning these missing persons.

LEADS:

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ALEXANDRIA DIVISION

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AT ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

Will attempt to determine if Col. ROBERT ST. CLAIR PANT, JR., serial number 653848, is in the U. S. Marine Corps. If his record is located, determine address of his relatives in South Carolina so they may be interviewed.

COLUMBIA DIVISION

AT SHAW AFB, SOUTH CAROLINA *b7c*

1. Will contact [redacted] or [redacted] (Phonetic) concerning the names and addresses of relatives of Air Force

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personnel who are POWs, which relatives reside in South Carolina. If these individuals are POWs and not merely missing, contact these relatives as requested by New York Office.

2. Will contact OSI officials along lines as set out in referenced New York airtel.

3. Will specifically inquire at Shaw AFB concerning whereabouts of relatives of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] whose relatives apparently have a Sumter, S. C., address, and interview these persons in accordance with referenced airtel.

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Date 6-23-70☒ Director

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Att.: \_\_\_\_\_

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Title COMMITTEE OF LIAISON  
WITH FAMILIES OF SERVICE-  
MEN DETAINED IN NORTH  
VIETNAM (COLIFAM)  
IS - MISC;  
RA - NORTH VIETNAM

RE: Rep of SA [REDACTED] *b7c*  
 [REDACTED] 6-9-70, San  
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*b7c* Rep suggested interview [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] Bureau furnished rep for information and did not request that [REDACTED] be interviewed and UACB, this will not be done.

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**'BAND OF TRAITORS'**

**Rep. Scherle Assails  
POW Liaison Group**

An Iowa congressman has charged that a "little band of traitors" within the anti-war movement has set itself up as the only link between prisoners of war being held in North Vietnam and their families in the United States.

The Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam should be investigated as a group of foreign agents dealing with a foreign power, asserted Rep. William J. Scherle, R-Iowa.

Scherle is a member of a House Internal Securities subcommittee probing the activities of the New Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam. The Committee of Liaison was formed in January by David Dellinger and Cora Weiss, New move leaders.

Scherle made his attack after the wives of two Navy fliers being held captive by the North Vietnamese testified yesterday that the Committee of Liaison was exploiting prisoners of war and their families in the interest of Communist propaganda.

They told the subcommittee that they have refused mail for-

warded through the anti-war group from North Vietnam that might have contained letters from their husbands even though, as one of the wives phrased it, "every letter that comes out of Hanoi is a very precious thing."

The wives, Mrs. Edwin A. Shuman III and Mrs. Dale Ross, both of Virginia Beach, testified that their first contact with the Committee of Liaison came after journeying to Paris last October to talk with North Vietnamese negotiators on behalf of their prisoner husbands. "We were told we would have to deal with these people," Mrs. Shuman said.

The North Vietnamese told the women the best way to bring their husbands home was to work with those opposing the war, Mrs. Shuman told the subcommittee. "They absolutely told us to go out and demonstrate."

After hearing their statements, Scherle told the two women he considered it "incomprehensible that 'a little band of traitors — and that's exactly what they are' — can humiliate the country to the extent that it is forced into the background."

Rep. Richard H. Ichord, D-Mo., chairman of the full Internal Securities Committee, told the women that they and other wives of POWs are victims of the "ougelest" act.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-457899)  
 FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (100-48914) (P)  
 SUBJECT: COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES  
 OF SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM  
 (COLIFAM)  
 IS - MISC  
 REGISTRATION ACT

Re New York airtel to Director 6/9/70.

A review of the Chicago indices concerning captioned, reflects that the New York Office is presently in possession of all identifiable information contained therein.

Contact was made with local military sources and none of them could furnish any information concerning COLIFAM or contact with any families of prisoners. On 6/18/70 113th MI, advised that such matters were not handled on a local level, but rather from headquarters in Washington, D. C.

Logical informants and sources in the New Left and peace movements have been alerted to captioned organization and advised to furnish promptly any information secured concerning same.

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

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A careful review of the list of prisoners contained in LHM furnished with re airtel has been made. As of the present time none of the families have been located residing in the Chicago area. However, efforts are being continued and as soon as located, these families or relatives will be interviewed and the Bureau and New York furnished with the results thereof.

Chicago is closely following this matter and will keep New York and the Bureau advised.



FBI

Date: 8-1-70

Transmit the following in

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Via AIRTEL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-457899)

FROM: SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (100-7938) (P)

COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES OF  
SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM (COLIFAM)  
IS - MISC.  
REGISTRATION ACT  
OO: NY

DECLASSIFIED BY 9803  
ON 7-29-93

Re New York airtel and LHM, 6-9-70.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 11 copies,  
2 copies New York, 2 copies San Diego, of an LHM concerning  
captioned matter.

Informants not identified by T-symbols in  
LHM are:

contacted by SA

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An All Agents Memo distributed to Agents of  
Oklahoma City Division, 6-17-70, for information concerning  
COLIFAM and to remain alert for information concerning  
possible contacts with servicemen or families of servicemen  
in Oklahoma.

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- 2 - New York (100-168469) (Enc. 2) (RM)
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Special Agent

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AT [REDACTED] CALIFORNIA. 1. Interview Mrs. [REDACTED], to determine if she has had any contacts with COLIFAM. If so, handle pursuant to instructions set out in re New York airtel. *b2c*

2. Determine if Mrs. [REDACTED] has COLIFAM Information Sheet sent to Mrs. [REDACTED] by her mother-in-law, Mrs. [REDACTED] Oklahoma. If so, review and consider submitting same in form suitable for dissemination. *b2c*

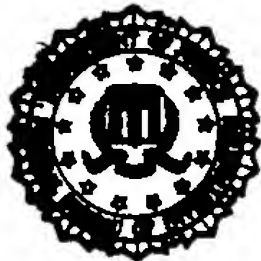
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AT [REDACTED] OKLAHOMA. Locate and interview relatives of [REDACTED] to determine if they have had any contact with COLIFAM. If so, handle pursuant to instructions in re New York airtel and submit results in form suitable for dissemination. *b2c*

AT [REDACTED] OKLAHOMA. Locate and interview relatives of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] to determine if they have had any contacts with COLIFAM. If so, handle pursuant to instructions in re New York airtel and submit results in form suitable for dissemination. *b2c*

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AT [REDACTED] OKLAHOMA. Locate and interview relatives of [REDACTED] to determine if they have had any contacts with COLIFAM. If so, handle pursuant to instructions in re New York airtel and submit results in form suitable for dissemination.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
July 1, 1970

**COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH  
FAMILIES OF SERVICEMEN DETAINED  
IN NORTH VIETNAM (COLIFAM)**

The March 7, 1970, issue of the "Daily Oklahoman"  
newspaper, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, revealed the following  
news article concerning COLIFAM:

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*Bombardier*

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ENCLOSURE



March 7, 1970, issue of  
"Daily Oklahoman",  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

## Anti-War Group's PW List Includes 2 From Oklahoma

An anti-war group Friday released the names of two Oklahoma servicemen held as prisoners of war by the North Vietnamese communists.

Both men had previously been identified as POW's by the Defense Department.

Mrs. Cora Weiss, New York, said inquiries by the Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in Vietnam has led to the release of the names.

The group also made public the names of 12 other prisoners.

The Oklahomans are Navy Capt. Fred A. W. Franke Jr., a pilot who has been a prisoner since August, 1965, and a Tulsa man identified only as Gerald Kramer.

Franke was shot down over North Vietnam and after being initially listed as missing in action and

was declared dead by the Defense Department.

Early in 1967 Franke's mother, Mrs. Georgia Smith of Midwest City, received word that the pilot was a prisoner in a Hanoi POW camp.

"I asked them to make inquiries about him," Mrs. Smith said Friday after she was asked about the anti-war group's news. "They telephoned me today."

Mrs. Smith said Navy officials gave her the address of the New York committee as a possible means of further verifying her son's POW status.

"I've never heard from him," she said. "And I never knew whether he received the mail I sent him. They (the committee) spoke to me who contacted her) said I would receive a letter from him in a few days."

Capt. Franke is married and the father of three children. His family lives in California. Mrs. Smith said.

Mrs. Kramer, contacted at the home of a friend in Tulsa, said she had not received word from the anti-war committee but that her husband was previously identified as a prisoner by Defense Department officials.

"I haven't heard from him directly, but his name has been released before," he said. "I guess this is just another way of confirming it."

She said her husband, whose rank and branch of service was not immediately known, has been a prisoner for three years.

Mrs. Weiss, who has made one trip to Hanoi to retrieve letters from American servicemen imprisoned there, said the release of the names Friday "means that the North Vietnamese are keeping their agreement they reached with us."

The committee earlier had requested the release of names from the Hanoi delegation in the Paris peace talks and received 30 names, all previously listed as prisoners by the Defense Department.

Each of the 30 names released Friday had already been returned by the U. S. government.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 6-1-70

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Mrs. [REDACTED]  
Oklahoma, advised as follows:

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In early 1967, she received word from the Department of Navy that her son, [REDACTED] was a prisoner in a Hanoi Prisoner of War (POW) camp.

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In January, 1970, she received a communication from the Department of Navy advising of "a dissident group" known as the Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam (COLIFAM), 365 West 42nd Street, New York, New York. Navy stated in the communication that although they were not in favor of families of servicemen contacting such a group, information available did indicate COLIFAM might possibly be able to contact prisoners of war in North Vietnam.

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On January 30, 1970, Mrs. [REDACTED] sent a letter to COLIFAM at the above New York address asking if they would attempt to get a letter to her son who was a POW in Hanoi.

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On February 7, 1970, COLIFAM answered Mrs. [REDACTED] letter and informed her that COLIFAM would attempt to get Mrs. [REDACTED] letter to her son in Hanoi. COLIFAM also informed Mrs. [REDACTED] in the letter that COLIFAM was at that time sending a cablegram to Hanoi in an effort to verify the POW status of her son.

Upon receipt of the above letter from COLIFAM, Mrs. [REDACTED] prepared a letter to her son and mailed same on February 17, 1970, to COLIFAM in New York for transmittal.

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On March 6, 1970, BARBARA WEBSTER of COLIFAM telephonically contacted Mrs. [REDACTED] in Midwest City and WEBSTER informed Mrs. [REDACTED] that COLIFAM had received a cablegram which verified her son was a POW in Hanoi. WEBSTER informed Mrs. [REDACTED] that COLIFAM would mail her a copy of the cablegram, which Mrs. [REDACTED] received a few days later by cover letter.

On 6-26-70 at [REDACTED] Oklahoma File # Oklahoma City 100-7938  
by SA [REDACTED] SA [REDACTED] Date dictated 6-29-70



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On March 25, 1970, Mrs. [REDACTED] received a communication from COLIFAM which stated a letter from her son was en route from North Vietnam and same would be furnished to her upon receipt. b2c

Two or three weeks elapsed and Mrs. [REDACTED] had not received her son's letter from COLIFAM. She then telephonically contacted COLIFAM in New York and spoke with MAGGIE GEDDES, who informed Mrs. [REDACTED] that COLIFAM had not yet received her son's letter, but COLIFAM was expecting a packet of letters at any time. b2c

On April 25, 1970, Mrs. [REDACTED] received an undated transmittal letter from COLIFAM enclosing (1) a letter dated April 24, 1970, from the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC), Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, which stated that "when we received the enclosed letter from [REDACTED] it had been opened and in the condition you find it. We have no way of knowing why it was in this condition since most others in the packet were sealed" and (2) an envelope and letter (Christmas card) from her son with a short personal note thereon. b2c

On May 12, 1970, she sent a second letter to her son to COLIFAM for transmittal.

On May 15, 1970, she received a letter dated February 8, 1970, from her son which was forwarded to Mrs. [REDACTED] by COLIFAM in New York.

Mrs. [REDACTED] advised she has no information that her two letters to her son, above, which were forwarded to COLIFAM in New York for transmittal, were actually transmitted to or received by him. b2c

Concerning her son's first letter (Christmas card) sent to her by COLIFAM on April 25, 1970, Mrs. [REDACTED] questioned her son's handwriting and sent same to her daughter-in-law, [REDACTED] California, for her opinion. Mrs. [REDACTED] also questioned her husband's handwriting and forwarded the correspondence, with known handwriting of [REDACTED] b2c

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OC 100-7938

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[redacted] <sup>b7c</sup> said her daughter-in-law later called her to advise that Washington called and said they were 80% sure it was his [redacted] handwriting," but that it would be analyzed further. Mrs. [redacted] has heard nothing further in this regard.

*b7c*  
Mrs. [redacted] added that when she received on May 15, 1970, the second letter, dated February 8, 1970, from her son through COLIFAM, she did not question it because of the terminology he used.

She related she has had no other contacts with COLIFAM. She said she sent only two letters (above) to COLIFAM to be forwarded to her son and she has received only two letters (above) from him through COLIFAM. She has not attempted to send, nor has she received from her son, any personal objects, packages or parcels through COLIFAM.

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She stated the above telephonic conversations with BARBARA WEBSTER and MAGGIE GEDDES, both of COLIFAM, were the only telephonic contacts she has had with representatives of COLIFAM.

During these particular conversations, she found both WEBSTER and GEDDES cordial, and Mrs. SMITH said she was not harassed whatsoever nor was she cajoled in any manner.

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Mrs. [redacted] stated that at no time did WEBSTER or GEDDES, or any of the COLIFAM letters she received, request money or anything of value in return for the services rendered Mrs. [redacted] *b7c*

She stated she knew of no other persons who contacted, or who were contacted by, COLIFAM in New York.

*b7c*  
Mrs. [redacted] related she would be willing to testify concerning the above information if needed at a later date.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 7-1-70

Mrs. [REDACTED] b7c

Oklahoma, furnished a copy of a letter from the Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam (COLIFAM), dated February 7, 1970, and a copy of a COLIFAM air letter form (front and back), received by her from COLIFAM on or about February 9, 1970. Concerning the Information Sheet mentioned in the COLIFAM letter, Mrs. [REDACTED] said she sent this to her daughter-in-law, Mrs. [REDACTED] California. A copy of the above COLIFAM letter and air letter form appears on the following pages: b7c

605-812-2

On 6-26-70 at [REDACTED] Oklahoma File # Oklahoma City 100-7938

by SA [REDACTED] SA [REDACTED] Date dictated 6-29-70 b7c

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# COMMITTEE OF LIAISON

## with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam

365 West 42nd Street, New York, N.Y. 10036

(212) 765-1490

CABLE ADDRESS:  
COLIAFAM

February 7, 1970

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Cora Weiss

Treasurer:  
Mrs. Anne Bennett

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Rev. Richard Fernandez  
\*Maggie Geddes  
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Stewart Meacham  
Prof. Ben Seitzman  
Ethel Taylor  
\*Barbara Webster  
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\*staff

Mrs. [REDACTED] b2c  
[REDACTED] Oklahoma [REDACTED] 701-812-2  
Dear Mrs. [REDACTED] b7c

As you will see from the enclosed Information Sheet, one of the things the Committee of Liaison is doing is trying to get information about servicemen who may be prisoners in North Vietnam. In a couple days we will be cabling Hanoi and will include a request about your son. Since we have only recently been set up we do not know how long it will take to receive a response but imagine it will be at least a month, probably longer.

If your son is a prisoner in North Vietnam we would hope to receive back a letter from him which we would of course immediately forward on. In any case we will contact you as soon as we get any word at all.

I am also enclosing an air letter form which you may wish to use the next time you write your son. If you would like, you could send it to us and we would forward it on (either with someone who is going to Hanoi or by mail if no one is going over for awhile).

Something the Information Sheet neglects to mention is that the North Vietnamese have said that prisoners can receive a package (not over 6 pounds in weight) every other month now, as well as a letter a month. Packages should be sent directly, using the address given in the Information Sheet.

We understand the anguish you must feel in not knowing about your son and sincerely hope we can be of help in getting information about him for you.

Sincerely,

*Barbara Webster*  
Barbara Webster

**NGƯỜI GỬI (Addressor)**

**HỌ TÊN (Name in full):**

**SỐ LĨNH (Service number):**

**NƠI VÀ NGÀY SINH (Date & place of birth):**

**ĐỊA CHỈ (Address):**

**TRẠI GIAM PHI CÔNG MỸ BỊ BẮT TẠI  
NƯỚC VIỆT - NAM DÂN CHỦ CỘNG HÒA**

**VIA MOSCOW, USSR** *(Camp of detention for U.S. pilots captured  
in the DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC of VIETNAM)*

**COMMITTEE OF LIAISON**

**with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam**

**GỬI (Addressee)**

**HỌ TÊN (Name in full):**

**ĐỊA CHỈ (Address):**



NGÀY VIẾT (Dated) .....

**CHỈ CHÚ (N.B.):**

1. Phải viết rõ và chỉ được viết trên những dòng kẻ sẵn (*Write legibly and only on the lines*).
2. Trong thư chỉ được nói về tình hình sức khỏe và tình hình gia đình (*Write only about health and family*).
3. Gia đình gửi đến cũng phải theo đúng mẫu, khuôn khổ và quy định này (*Letters from families should also conform to this proforma*).

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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b2c Date 7-1-70

Mrs. [REDACTED]  
Oklahoma, furnished a copy of the following cablegram dated March 6, 1970, received by the Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam (COLIFAM), New York, New York, which COLIFAM forwarded to Mrs. [REDACTED] and was received by her on or about March 7, 1970:

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H.D.M. - ~

30 [REDACTED] ~

On 6-26-70 at [REDACTED] Oklahoma File # Oklahoma City 100-7938  
by SA [REDACTED] SA [REDACTED] Date dictated 6-29-70

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NEWYORK

MAR 6 1970

RECEIVED FIVE CABLES DATED JANUARY TWENTY TWENTY FIVE  
TWENTY NINE FEBRUARY TEN AND TWENTY FOUR ASKING FOR INFORMATION  
ABOUT SERVICEMEN THE FOLLOWING FOURTEEN ARE NOW IN  
OUR CAMP CARL CHAMBERS FV3133401 ROBERT CRANVER<sup>IM</sup> FV3034313  
RENDAR CRAYTON 529039 MICHAEL P CRONIN 668952 MYRON  
DONALD FR50331 NRED AW FRANKE JUNIOR  
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513370 WAYNE GOODERMOTE 693919 PORTER HALYBURTON 677514 JOHN  
HEILIG 667042 GALAND KRAMER FV3155965 ALAN P LURIE FR65266  
EUGENE BARKER MCDANIEL 602046 GEORGE MCKNIGHT A03051289  
BRADLEY SMITH 682780

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Date 7-1-70*b2c*

Mrs. [REDACTED]  
Oklahoma, furnished a copy of the following letter from the  
Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in  
North Vietnam (COLIFAM), dated March 25, 1970, received by  
her from COLIFAM on or about March 27, 1970:

*201-11-2**701-11-2*

On 6-26-70 at [REDACTED] Oklahoma File # Oklahoma City 100-7938  
by SA [REDACTED] SA [REDACTED] *b2c* Date dictated 6-29-70

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March 25, 1970

Dear Mrs. [REDACTED] b7c 801-211-2

We have just received word from Hanoi that b7c  
a letter from [REDACTED]  
has been mailed to you from North Vietnam. His  
name was included in a list of 80 servicemen  
just received: this list represents advance  
notice of 82 letters mailed together in a  
package due to arrive soon. As soon as it comes,  
we will forward it to you. Forgive this mimeo-  
graphed communication, but we wanted you to know  
as quickly as possible.

The Committee of Liaison was set up to facilitate  
communication between men who are held in North  
Vietnam and their families in this country. You  
may be interested to know that since this new  
arrangement was made with the North Vietnamese in  
December, 376 letters have been sent from Hanoi  
through us to families, and that as of this  
current notification 256 servicemen have been confirmed as held by  
the North Vietnamese. More mail is en route and it is expected that  
mail will soon be normalized.

The arrangement for mail is described in the announcement enclosed.  
We are very pleased to be able to perform this service and hope that  
you will feel free to be in touch with us should you have further  
questions. In the meantime we continue to work for the immediate and  
complete withdrawal of all troops from Vietnam; to bring to an end  
the fighting, killing and capturing; and to hasten the day when all  
families, American and Vietnamese will be reunited.

Sincerely yours,

Cora Weiss Dave Dellinger  
Cora Weiss Dave Dellinger



## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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b7c Date 7-1-70

Mrs. [REDACTED]  
 Oklahoma, furnished a copy of (1) an undated letter from the Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam (COLIFAM), 365 West 42nd Street, New York, New York; (2) letter dated April 24, 1970, to "Dear Friends" from the American Friends Service Committee, Inc., 160 North Fifteenth Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and (3) envelope and letter (Christmas card) to [REDACTED] and Mrs. [REDACTED] and family. A copy of each of these appears on the following pages:

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On 6-26-70 at [REDACTED] Oklahoma File # Oklahoma City 100-7938  
 by SA [REDACTED] 62c Date dictated 6-29-70

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Prof. Bea Seitzman  
Prof. Franz Schermer  
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701-41-67c  
Dear Mrs. [redacted] and Mr. [redacted] family:

We're very happy to forward these letters to you which just arrived from North Vietnam along with 80 others.

We know it's been a long time since you were informed that these letters were en route, but it's a long trip and we too are delighted that they've arrived.

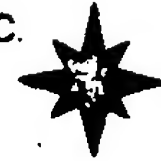
Sincerely,

Barbara Webster Maggie Geddes

Barbara Webster Maggie Geddes  
for the Committee of Liaison

AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE INC.

GILBERT F. QUINN  
Chairman  
HENRY J. CANNON  
Secretary  
BERNARD P. CLARK  
Executive Director



160 North Fifteenth Street,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19102  
Phone 215-563-9372

April 24, 1970

Dear Friends,

When we received the  
enclosed letter from [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] it had been opened  
and in the condition you find  
it. We have no way of knowing  
why it was in this condition since  
most others in the packet were  
sealed.

Sincerely,  
Stewart Meacham

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OF SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM

objectives; (7) by maintaining and supporting the morale of all captured and missing Americans and their families; and above all (8) by obtaining at the earliest possible time the release of and a complete accounting for all captured or missing Americans in Southeast Asia." *b7c not to be*

Mrs. [REDACTED] stated that she is familiar with COLIFAM and that Mrs. [REDACTED] California, a member of the League of Families group was in town and had been contacted by COLIFAM. *C.C.*

On June 25, 1970, a source who has provided reliable information in the past, advised that on June 10, 1970, The House of Representatives Sub-Committee on Internal Security held a hearing which included investigation on COLIFAM. The main focus of this investigation was on the New Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam (NMC), and the ties between COLIFAM and NMC.

The NMC is described as a national steering organization, with headquarters in New York City which specializes in the formation of local and national protest and demonstration activities through a coalition of local anti-Vietnam and draft groups throughout the nation.

The Committee found that those listed as leaders in NMC were also leaders of COLIFAM.

The Sub-Committee investigation largely centered around the testimony of Mrs. Edwin A. Shuman, III and Mrs. Dale Doss, who are both wives of captured United States military personnel detained in North Vietnam. Both wives have received mail from their husbands through COLIFAM, and both advised this group they did not want to have any contact with COLIFAM even if it meant going without mail from their *IVS 200*

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OF SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM

husbands. Each letter received from the women's husbands was accompanied by a cover letter from COLIFAM which the women found distasteful. Mrs. Doss returned one of her husband's letters when it came with this cover letter, only to have her husband's letter returned to her in a plain white envelope.

The women also testified that each time COLIFAM publishes a list of captured Americans as received from the North Vietnamese it is actually the same list with a few additional names included.

The source further stated that at this time the Sub-Committee plans no further investigation of COLIFAM, but that this situation could change. The source was also unable to state any knowledge of any other Congressional investigations pending.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-457899)

DATE: 7/6/70

FROM : SAC, INDIANAPOLIS (100-20786) (RUC)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES  
OF SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM  
(COLIFAM)  
IS - MISC  
REGISTRATION ACT

OO: New York

Re New York airtel to Bureau, 6/9/70.

SA [REDACTED] contacted the following individuals in Indianapolis, Indiana in an effort to obtain information concerning the captioned subject, but all results were negative:

[REDACTED]  
113th MIG  
Fort Benjamin Harrison  
6/16/70

[REDACTED]  
OSI Detachment  
3728 North Shadeland  
6/17/70

[REDACTED]  
NIS  
36 South Pennsylvania Street  
6/17/70

[REDACTED]  
Indianapolis Star  
307 North Pennsylvania  
6/17/70

- ③ - Bureau (RM)  
2 - New York (100-168469) (RM)  
1 - Indianapolis

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All logical sources in the Indianapolis Division contacted have failed to report any positive information in this matter.

On 6/27/70 an article (UPI) did appear on page nine of the Indianapolis Star which concerned the Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam.

The article related the captioned committee has released the names of 335 individuals who have been officially confirmed by Hanoi to be prisoners held in North Vietnam.

Servicemen from Indiana were listed as RICHARD BRENNEMAN, Mishawaka, Indiana, HUBERT ELLIOTT BUCHANAN, Austin, Indiana, RONALD EDWARD BYRNE, Jr., Kokomo, Indiana and JAMES HELMS KASLER, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Since no positive information has been received relating to the captioned committee being active in this division the families of the servicemen listed above were not interviewed. Specific leads should be set forth by the office of origin if additional investigation is required.

Date: 6/9/70

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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY SLIP(S) OF DATE 2/1/81

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-451899)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-168469)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES OF SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM (COMLIF) IS-MISC REGISTRATION ACT (OO:NY)

DECLASSIFIED BY SP-1 [redacted] ON 12/1/81 #215,379

ReBU 01 dated 5/4/70; NYlet, 5/13/70 and WFOat to Director, 5/27/70, and Buat, 5/28/70.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM captioned, "COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES OF SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM". Enclosed for WFO are three copies of LHM. Enclosed for all other offices are two copies of LHM.

Classified by 1105 [redacted] 7-29-93  
ADMINISTRATIVE Declassify on: OADR

For the information of all offices, LHM enclosed is a narrative attempt in describing captioned group. By reBU 01, Initiation of Registration Act investigation was requested by J. WALTER YEAGLEY, Assistant Attorney General, Internal Security Division, US Department of Justice. WFOat to the Director dated 5/27/70, determined from the State Department that captioned group and/or known members are not registered with the State Department. EX 106

- 3-Bureau (Encls. 11) (RM)
- 1-Washington Field (Encls. 3) (RM)
- 2-All Offices
- 3-New York

ENCLOSURE

Approved:

60 JUL 17 1970

Classified by SP-1 [redacted] ON 12/1/81



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By letter to Director dated 4/6/70, J. WALTER YEAGLEY requested investigation be undertaken to develop admissible evidence that the subject committee is in fact acting within the United States at the request of the Government of North Vietnam, and that it is engaged in political activity as defined in Section 1(O) of the Foreign Agents Registration Act or as a publicity agent as defined in Section 1(H) of the Act. By letter dated 4/14/70, YEAGLEY requested individuals contacted by this committee be interviewed.

Submit results in form suitable for dissemination.

SOURCES

Source one [REDACTED]

Source two [REDACTED]

Source three [REDACTED]

(conceal)

Source four is NYO confidential mailbox (protect- reliable).

Source five [REDACTED]

\* Source six is [REDACTED]

(conceal-Secret) (S) 1/

Suitable characterizations were not currently available for the following organizations and individuals:

Clergy and Laymen Concerned About Vietnam  
American Friends Service Committee  
Prof. BEA SEITZMAN  
ETHEL TAYLOR

The LHM is classified, "Secret" in view of the fact that Source six is [REDACTED] and their request was that information received by them may be disseminated to the United States State Department and CIA but should not be disseminated further since it would jeopardize their source.

LEADS:

BUREAU

AT WASHINGTON, D.C. Through liaison with the various military branches of the Government, determine if they are in possession of any information relating to the COLIFAM or its members that could be evidenciary in nature or utilized as evidenciary lead material.

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1. Bureau is requested to request through Liaison the Foreign Broadcast Information Service (FBIS) to determine if they have correlated broadcast information which would relate to this captioned group. Witnesses of war, representatives of the COLIFAM and/or families of POWs.

2. Bureau is requested to advise NY if it has information relating to families contacted by the COLIFAM. If so, furnish same to NY so that appropriate leads may eventually be set out to interview families.

3. Bureau is requested to render an opinion concerning possible phone coverage subscribed to captioned group.

**HOUSTON**

1. If [redacted] not conducted, locate and interview Mrs. [redacted] mentioned in the press release of [redacted] b7c

2. Conduct investigation requested of all offices. **BAN DIEGO** b7c

1. If [redacted] not conducted, locate and interview Mrs. [redacted] of [redacted] Calif., mentioned in the press release of [redacted] b7c

2. Conduct investigation requested of all offices. **ALEXANDRIA** b7c

1. If [redacted] not conducted, locate and interview [redacted] Virginia, telephone [redacted] b7c

2. To assist Alexandria in interviewing Mrs. [redacted] enclosed is verbatim copy of article appearing in Washington Evening Star, 2/9/60. Current address of [redacted] was obtained by [redacted] from [redacted] Intelligence Command, US Navy, Norman Building, Alexandria, Virginia (protected by request). b7c

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LEADS (CONT'D)

2. Conduct investigation requested of all offices.

NORFOLK

AT NORFOLK, VIRGINIA. Reurlet, 2/20/70 to Director (Norfolk 100-6089), interview people mentioned in relet.

2. Conduct investigation requested of all offices.

WASHINGTON FIELD

AT WASHINGTON, D.C. Contact all appropriate military branches of the government to determine:

a) identity of any serviceman contacted by means of the COLIFAM.

b) identify any family of serviceman contacted by the COLIFAM.

2. At US Department of State attempt to identify and/or verify travel of Committee People to Hanoi. Individuals should include CORA WEISS, DAVE DELLINGER, STEVE HALLIWELL (HOLLOWAY), RENNIE DAVIS, Rev. RICHARD FERNANDEZ, MAGGIE GEDDES, STEWART MEACHAM, Prof. BEA SEITZMAN, ETHEL TAYLOR, BARBARA WEBSTER, TRUDI YOUGH and Mrs. ANNE BENNETT.

3. In view of the fact that this matter has received Congressional attention, determine through liaison if any Congressional Committee has announced or is planning to hold any Congressional hearing relative to this matter.

4. WFO consider possibility to inquire through appropriate liaison with American Legion if they are in possession of information concerning the COLIFAM. This lead is being set forth because of the possible reticence of families to come forth to public officials concerning this matter.

5. Attempt to locate through military headquarters the prisoners released as contained in listing of press release of DELLINGER and DAVIS, 1/15/70, Chicago, Illinois. Set out appropriate leads to interview servicemen for evidenciary material.

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LEADS (CONT'D)

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ALL OFFICES

1. Review indices concerning captioned matter in an effort to:

a) identify press releases re captioned matter in your territory.

b) ascertain COLIFAM and/or its members active in your territory.

c) determine if any servicemen, formerly residing in your territory, were contacted by means of the COLIFAM while they were POW.

d) determine if any families of servicemen, formerly or currently having relatives POW in Vietnam, were contacted by the COLIFAM and/or its members.

2. Contact local military sources for information concerning captioned matter.

3. Contact established security informants concerning captioned matter and advise them to be alert for information relating to this matter.

4. All offices should interview servicemen or families of servicemen contacted by this committee or its individual members. Determine during interview:

a) identity of individual who contacted them.

b) report circumstances of contact, e.g. were they harassed, conjoined, etc.

c) if anyone had mail or personal objects delivered for them or brought back to them.

d) what COLIFAM statements were regarding source of information, contacts, etc.

e) identity of other POW families approached in a similar manner.

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LEADS (CONT'D)

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f) lastly, determine nature of correspondence between families and COLIFAM.

Extreme discretion should be used during the course of such interviews. Advise individuals interviewed that it is at the direction of J. WALTER YEAGLEY, Assistant Attorney General. Determine also if the individual interviewed would be willing to cooperate should their testimony be needed at a later date. Interviews should be set forth on FD-302.

5. Press release dated 1/15/70 by DELLINGER and DAVIS, Chicago, Illinois has been incorporated in LHM for possible lead material.

NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK. Will contact US Post Office officials to determine if the COLIFAM or its members hold a 2nd Class mailing permit and will determine volume of outgoing mail.

2. Will conduct up to date investigation on COLIFAM Headquarters, 365 West 42nd St., NY, NY, Telephone #(212) 765-1490.

3. Will review NY Times Morgue to obtain press releases of captioned group and its individuals.

4. Will conduct investigation set forth for other offices.

5. Will obtain tape of the BETSY PALMER TV Program "Girl Talk", reBuat, 5/28/70. Appropriate leads will be set forth.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

June 9, 1970

In Reply, Please Refer to

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NYfile (100-168460)

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Per 6-1 [redacted] b7c  
DECLASSIFIED BY [redacted]  
ON 12-2-87

Committee of Liaison With  
Families of Servicemen Detained  
in North Vietnam (COLIFAM)

A source advised on January 27, 1970, that  
correspondence was received from the Committee of  
Liaison (COLIFAM) which set forth their membership,  
purpose, function and identity.

Cora Weiss and David Dellinger serve as co-  
chairman of the COLIFAM.

David Dellinger

A characterization of David Dellinger is  
contained in the characterization of "Liberation"  
Magazine which is attached hereto. In addition,  
on February 18, 1970, David Dellinger was found  
guilty in the United States District Court,  
Northern District of Illinois, Chicago, Illinois  
for violating the Federal Anti-Riot Law Statute  
for traveling in interstate commerce from outside  
the State of Illinois with intent to incite riots  
in Chicago, Illinois during the Democratic  
National Convention in August, 1968. On February  
20, 1970, he was sentenced to five years  
imprisonment and fined \$5,000. On February 28,

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1970, the United States Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit, Chicago, Illinois, ordered them released on \$25,000 bond each pending appeals of their convictions.

Cora Weiss

In March, 1956, a second source advised that Weiss, then Cora Rubin while attending the University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin was present at a public meeting sponsored by the University of Wisconsin Chapter of the Labor Youth League (LYL).

The LYL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The committee members of the COLIFAM were listed as Rennie Davis, Reverend Richard Fernandez, Maggie Geddes, Steve Halliwell, Stewart Meachum, Professor Bea Seitzman, Ethel Taylor, Barbara Webster and Trudi Young. Treasurer, Mrs. Anne Bennett.

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Rennie Davis

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Reverend Richard Fernandez

Organization Director of the Clergy and Laymen Concerned About Vietnam.

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Maggie Geddes MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

Staff member of the COLIFAM.

Steve Halliwell MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

In 1967, Halliwell served as Assistant National Secretary of Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), and also was elected to the National Interim Committee and the National Administrative Committee of SDS.

A characterization of SDS is attached hereto.

Stewart Meachum MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

Peace Education Secretary of the American Friends Service Committee.

Barbara Webster MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

Secretary to Dave Dellinger, staff member of COLIFAM.

Trudi Young MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

Staff member of the COLIFAM.

Mrs. Anne Bennett MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

Treasurer of COLIFAM.

According to the first source, the COLIFAM established their purpose and functions as follows, "A Committee of Liaison has now been established as an extension of these past efforts at the request of the North Vietnamese ...the peace movement is responding to a request by the Vietnamese to meet a specific, immediate need and is not in any sense representing the government of North Vietnam."

"The Committee will seek to facilitate communication between families in the U.S. and servicemen now imprisoned in North Vietnam. Basically, the Committee

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will receive letters from servicemen and forward them through the domestic mails, thereby decreasing, we hope, past problems in the receipt of such mail. We will also forward letters to North Vietnam at the request of relatives. Families are of course still free to send letters and parcels directly but should note that the instructions on mailing previously issued by the State Department are wrong. The correct address is:

"name of serviceman  
serial number  
Camp of Detention of U.S. Pilots  
Captured in the D.R.V.  
Hanoi, Democratic Republic of Vietnam

"via Moscow, U.S.S.R.

"In addition, it is possible that the Vietnamese will be able to verify requests for information about servicemen from families who are uncertain if their relatives are being held in North Vietnam. Requests should be submitted to the Committee, but there is no certainty when and if the North Vietnamese will be able to respond. The Committee will of course transmit immediately any information that it receives to the family.

"Clarification

"Two clarifications are in order: first, it should be noted that the Committee will be dealing solely with the government of North Vietnam and will not have any information on men held in South Vietnam by the Provisional Revolutionary Government. Nor will we be able to provide information at this time concerning men held in Laos or any other Southeast Asian country where U.S. troops and aircraft are presently involved in combat missions.

"Secondly, the Committee will function entirely apart from the U.S. government."

The identity of the COLIFAM was set forth as follows:

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"Who We Are

"We firmly believe that the safe return of these men and the half million others that the U.S. maintains in South Vietnam, Laos, Thailand and aboard naval vessels--who can also be viewed as prisoners, prisoners of their own government since many have been sent to fight in a war against the dictates of their own conscience--can only come with a decision on the part of the U.S. government to withdraw from Vietnam. Because of this conviction, we who are serving on this Committee will continue our efforts to create popular pressure strong enough to force the government to withdraw.

"We are active in a variety of organizations committed to ending the war: American Friends Service Committee, the New Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam, Clergy and Laymen Concerned about Vietnam, Women Strike for Peace, The Conspiracy, and Women Against Daddy Warbucks. The Committee is supported by donations from individuals and organizations, and welcomes any gifts to sustain its work."

A third source advised January 15, 1970, that David Dellinger and Rennie Davis held a press conference January 15, 1970, at Federal Court House, 219 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois. During the press conference, the following press release was distributed:

"Chicago, Jan. 15: In an unprecedented move, six anti-activists announced today the formation of a Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam. The Committee will, according to Mrs. Cora Weiss, a co-chairmen of the new group and a housewife from Riverdale, N.Y., 'facilitate communication between servicemen held in North Vietnam and their relatives in the United States.'

"Specifically, 'the Committee will receive letters from the captured American pilots,' according to Mrs. Weiss, 'and immediately forward them to the addressee.' 'Also,' she continued, 'we will forward inquiries from families in the United States to the North Vietnamese authorities and they

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will attempt to confirm the status of their missing relatives.'

"According to Mrs. Weiss, 'the North Vietnamese have agreed to send and receive one letter per month between airmen known to be held in North Vietnam and relatives in this country.' 'Letters sent from the U.S.,' she continued, 'should be addressed to prisoner, serial number, Camp of Detention for US pilots captured in the DRV (Democratic Republic of Vietnam), Via Moscow, Soviet Union.' Packages, Mrs. Weiss added, are not to exceed six pounds. Mrs. Weiss noted that the Committee will forward letters for the families to North Vietnam if requested by relatives to do so.

"Dave Dellinger, the other co-chairmen of the Committee presently being tried on conspiracy charges in Chicago, outlined the background of previous prisoner releases to the American peace movement and said that 'It is understandable that the North Vietnamese indicate their confidence in the American people through the peace movement in this way.' 'We who are on this Committee,' he continued, 'firmly believe that the safe return of American pilots held in North Vietnam can only come with a decision on the part of the U.S. government to withdraw from Vietnam.'

"Mr Dellinger decried the U.S. government for its ignoring the fate of thousands of prisoners in jails in South Vietnam who, with full knowledge and assistance of American personnel, are subjected to grotesque tortures, as has been frequently documented, most most authoritatively by Congressman John Conyers and the Rev. Robert Drinan, Dean of Boston College Law School, in a recent survey of South Vietnamese prisons.

"Another member of the Committee, Stewart Meacham, Peace Education Secretary of the American Friends Service Committee, said that 'Lou Schneider of the AFSC has recently been given a packet of 69 letters in Hanoi from servicemen and those letters will soon arrive from Hong Kong in New York, and will immediately be sent to the addressees.' (See attached list of names.) Mr. Meacham said that 'the 69 letters en route to the U.S. were written by 64 prisoners and the Committee can presently confirm the names of 182

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airmen held by the North Vietnamese, or reported to be dead or unknown.' Mr. Meacham emphasized that the list (attached) of 182 names was neither final nor comprehensive. He said that 'While these names are known to us, there are undoubtedly others known to their families.

"Other persons participating in today's press conference included Rennie Davis, a defendant in the conspiracy trial, the Rev. Richard Fernandez, Director of Clergy and Laymen Concerned About Vietnam, and Maggie Geddes and Trudi Young, staff members of the Committee.

"In December, 1969, Mrs. Cora Weiss and two other women, Mrs. Ethel Taylor of Philadelphia and Madeleine Duckles of San Francisco, all active with Women Strike for Peace, came back from Hanoi with 138 letters from prisoners for Christmas. Mrs. Weiss said at the press conference that she had worked out the details for this Committee during this recent trip. Historically, the development of the Committee is unprecedented in time of war.

"Other members of the Committee not present at today's meeting include Mrs. Anne Bennett, Prof. Bea Seitzman, Steve Halliwell, and Barbara Webster.

"The Committee's office at 365 West 42nd Street, 2nd floor, New York, NY, will be functioning this Monday, Jan. 19th, although the phones will not be in service until Wed., Jan. 21st.

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"CAN RED PILOTS IN DETENTION IN NORTH VIETNAM WHOSE  
LETTERS ARE BEING TRANSMITTED TO THE COMMITTEE FOR LIAISON

OTT, Joseph

ORN, Wendell R.

AREZ, Everett

REWS, Anthony

ARETT, Thomas

SS, Robert Ervin

ACK, Cole

WIER, Henry Pope

ENNEMAN, Richard

OWNING, Ralph

RNE, Ronald

MPBELL, Burton

REY, David

APMAN, Harlin Paine Page

LLINS, James

LOSS MONLUX, Harold

AYELTON, Michael Lee

LIS, Jeffrey

IESE, Laurence

ADDIS, Norman

RTLEY, Markham

GLENN, Danny

✓HALL, Thomas

HINCKLEY,

HUTTON, James

JOHNSON, Harold

KEIRN, Richard

✓KOPSMAN, Theodore Frank

LEWIS, Earl

LOCKHART, Hayden

MacLEARY, Read Blane

✓MARVEL, Jerry

MASTIN, Ronald Lambert

MAYHEW, William

✓McDANIEL, Norman

McNISH, Thomas Mitchel

MILLER, Edwin

✓MOORE, Dennis

MULLEN, Richard

MYERS, Armand Jesse

NASMYTH, John

ODELL, Donald

OGDEN SMITH, Wayne

PARROT, Thomas

✓PERRY, Ross Randall

✓PETERSON, Douglas Bryan

PLUMB, Joseph

POLLACK, Melvin

PURCELL, Robert

✓PYLE II, Thomas Shaw

RUNYAN, Albert

✓SAWHILL, Robert

SHUMAN III, Edwin Arthur

SHUNAHAN, Joseph Francis

SIGLER, Garry Richard

STAFFORD, Hugh

STERLING, Thomas James

✓SULLIVAN, Timothy Bernard

TEMPERLEY, Russell

✓TRAUTMAN, Konrad

VOHDEN, Raymond

✓WALKER, Hubert Lindon

WALTMAN, Donald

WILLIAMS JR., Lewis Erving

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HISTORY OF PRISONER RELEASES

- I. December 1, 1965: Sgt. George E. Smith and Spec. C. McClure were released by NLF in Phnom Penh to the anti-war movement.
- II. November 11, 1967: In Phnom Penh Tom Hayden "received" Army Sergeants Daniel Lee Pitzer, Edward R. Johnson and James Alex Jackson, Jr., released by the NLF.
- III. February 16, 1968: In Hanoi Howard Zinn and Father Daniel Berrigan "received" Navy Ensign David Paul Matheny, Air Force Capt. John David Black and Air Force Major Norris Miller Overly.
- IV. July 18, 1968: In Hanoi Stewart Meacham, Vernon Grizzard and Anne Scheer officially "received" Major James Frederick Low, Major Fred Neale Thompson and Capt. Joe Victor-Carpenter, all of the Air Force.
- V. August 5, 1969: Rennie Davis, Grace Paley, Jimmy Johnson and Linda Evans left Hanoi with Navy Lt. Robert F. Frishman, Navy Seaman Douglas B. Hegdahl and Air Force Capt. Wesley L. Rumble. Also on the trip were Norm Fruchter, Robert Kramer and John Douglas from Newsreel.

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"The following names are confirmed to be prisoners held in the Democratic Republic of Vietnam (North Vietnam). Most of them are confirmed by letters they wrote to their families which were sent via members of the peace movement. Others were announced by official North Vietnamese sources.

"Joseph S. Abbott, Jr., Major, FV 3057099, Alloway, N.J.  
Robert Archie Abbott, 1st Lt., FR 81453, Deckerville, Mich.  
Everett Alvarez, Jr., Lt., 644124, Santa Clara, Cal.  
Gareth Laverne Anderson, Lt. jg., 682482, Kane, Pa.  
Anthony Charles Andrews, Capt., FR 3146561, Chico, Calif.  
Elmo C. Baker, Maj., 30626432, San Antonio, Tex.  
Robert Baldwin, Capt., 53786, Kentucky  
Thomas Joseph Barrett, Capt., FV 3120130, Lombard, Ill.  
James Franklin Bell, Capt., 515877, Cumberland, Md.  
Kile Dag Berg, Capt., AO 3103302, Glendale, Ariz.  
James Robert Berger, Capt., FV 3119242, Lexington, Va.  
Richard Eugene Bestad, Capt., FR 81278, Minnesota  
Arthur Neil Black, S. Sgt., AF 12666475, Bethlehem, Pa.  
Cole Black, L. Cdr., 594387, San Diego, Cal.  
Robert Irwin Bliss, FV 3103220, Bangor, Maine  
Ronald Glenn Bliss, Capt., FR 78537, Temple, Tex.  
Richard Eugene Bolstad, Maj., FR 81278, Minneapolis, Minn.  
Jack Williamson Bomar, Lt. C., FV 2251452, Mesa, Ariz.  
Charles Graham Boyd, Capt., FR 72601, Wichita, Kans.  
Paul Gordon Brown, Capt., 094576, Newton, Mass.  
Ralph Thomas Browning, Capt., FR 78556, Orlando, Fla.  
Edward Alan Brudno, Capt., 78285A, Harrison, N.Y.

"Michael Thomas Burns, Capt., FV 3189503, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa  
Philip Neal Butler, Lt., 647398, La Jolla, Cal.  
Ronald Edward Byrne, Lt. C., 27821A, Kokomo, Ind.  
Burton Wayne Campbell, Capt., 70564, Amherst, Ohio  
David Jay Carey, Lt. jg., 677935, Jeannette, Pa.  
Allan Russell Carpenter, Lt., 657951, Sanford, Maine  
Harlan Page Chapman, Maj., 071437, Elyria, Ohio  
Fred Vann Cherry, Lt. C., 45554A, Suffolk, Va.  
Claude Douglas Clower, L. Cdr., 605476, San Diego, Cal.  
Gerald Leonard Coffee, L. Cdr., 625308, Sanford, Fla.

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Thomas Edward Collins, III, Capt., 68082, Utica, Miss.  
Arthur Cormier, T. Sgt., AF 12454730, Bay Shore, N.Y.  
Joseph Crecca, Jr., Capt., FR 83481, Phoenix, Ariz.  
Glenn H. Daigle, Lt., 667122, Labadieville, La.  
Robert Holan Daughtrey, Maj., AO 3056891, Del Rio, Tex.  
Edward Anthony Davis, Lt., 658959  
Jeremiah A. Denton, Jr., Capt., 485087, Virginia Beach, Va.  
Robert Bart\_ch Doremus, L. Cdr., 597366, Wilmington, Dela.  
Dale Walter Doss, L. Cdr., 591159, Virginia Beach, Va.  
Jerry Donald Driscoll, Capt., 69973, Canton, Pa.  
David Henry Duart, Maj., FV 3057321, Canton, Pa.  
Richard Allen Dutton, Maj., FR 22497, Chicago, Ill.

"Jeffrey Thomas Ellis, Capt., FV 3135610, Madison, N.J.  
David Everson, Maj., FR 56893, Coon Rapids, Minn.  
Robert St. Calir Fant, Jr., Col., 653848, South Carolina  
John Stewart Finlay, III, Lt. C., 19805, Satellite Beach, Fla.  
John Peter Flynn, Col., 15760A, Ohio  
David Edward Ford, Capt., FV 3122074, Sacramento, Cal.  
Henry Pope Fowler, Jr., Capt., FR 3148574, Palo Alto, Cal.

"Paul Edward Galanti, Lt., 659047, Richmond Va.  
Markham Ligon Gartley, Lt., 703644, Dunedin, Fla.  
Danny Elloy Glenn, Lt., 668152, Jacksonville, Fla.  
Lawrence Nicholas Guarino, Lt. C., 52573A, Sattelite Beach, Fla.  
Collins Henry Haines, L. Cdr., 593915, San Diego, Cal.

"William Morgan Hardman, L. Cdr., 625171, Center Hill, Fla.  
Carlyle Smith Harris, Maj., 46663A, Tupelo, Miss.  
James H. Haslet, Lt.  
David Burnett Hatcher, Maj., 304002, Mt. Airy, N.C.  
James Edward Hiteshew, Lt. C., FR 46668, Goldsboro, N.C.  
Arthur Thomas Hoffson, Lt., FV 3152442, South Carolina  
Ramon Anton Hornick, Capt., FR 49644, Kansas  
Edward Lee Hubbard, Capt., FV 3122827, Overland Park, Kans.  
James Lindberg Hughes, Ltc., FR 43211, Santa Fe, N.M.  
James Leo Hutton, L. Cdr., 602748, Lakeland, Fla.  
Roger Dean Ingvalson, Lt. C., FR 30713, Sanford, Maine  
Gobel Dale James, Maj., FR 3006133, Texas  
Jay Roger Jensen, Maj., FV 3033604, Layton, Utah

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Murphy Neal Jones, FR 69506, Baton Rouge, La.  
James Helms Kasler, Lt. C., FR 24551, Indianapolis, Ind. 46236  
Richard Paul Keirn, Maj., AO 936812, Tampa, Fla.  
Wilson Denver Key, Lt., 669207, Jacksonville, Fla.  
Godron Albert Larson, Lt. C., FR 26473, San Antonio, Tex.  
Ronald Merle Lebert, Lt., FV 3176215, South Dakota  
Earl Gardner Lewis, Jr., Lt. Jg., 683095, San Diego, Cal.  
Hayden James Lockhart, Jr., Capt., 62669A, Alexandria, La.  
John Sidney McCain, L. Cdr., 624787, Orange Park, Fla.  
Read Blaine McCleary, 678398, Old Greenwich, Conn.  
George P. McIwain, 697713, Montrose, Cal.  
Thomas Mitchell McNish, Capt., FR 78806, Franklin, N.C.  
Ronald Lambert Mastin, Capt., FR 79450, Overland Park, Kans.  
William J. Mayhew, Lt., 691368, New Manchester, W. Va.  
Raymond James Morritt, Lt. C., 44729A, Colton, Cal.  
William John Metzger, Jr., Lt. Jg., 684859, Wisconsin Rapids, Wisc.  
Edison Wainwright Miller, Lt. C., 054602, Santa Ana, Cal.  
Edwin Frank Miller, Jr., Lt. JG., 706510, Franklin Lakes, N.J.  
Joseph Scott Mobley, Lt., 701867, Manhattan Beach, Cal.  
Harold DeLoss Monlux, 1st Lt., FV 3161422, Tulsa, Okla.  
Richard Dean Mullen, L. Cdr., 584928, La Jolla, Cal.  
James Alfred Mulligan, Cdr., 504324, Virginia Beach, Va.  
Armand Jesse Myers, Maj., FR 47337, Universal City, Tex.  
Robert John Naughton, Lt., 646287, Sheldon, Iowa  
John H. Nasmyth, Jr., Capt., FV 3120117, So. San Gabriel, Cal.  
Giles Roderick Norrington, Lt., 690103, Albany, Cal.  
Donald Eugene Odell, Maj., FV 3057281, Mt. Clemens, Mich.  
Dale Harrison Osborne, L. Cdr., 614229, Hanford, Cal.  
Thomas Vance Parrott, Capt., FV 3103992, Dalton, Ga.  
Robert de Layney Pool, Capt., AO 3117963, Paris, Tenn.  
Glendon William Perkins, Maj., FV 3101454, Orlando, Fla.  
John Joseph Pitchford, Jr., Maj., FV 2245522, Scottsdale, Ariz.  
Joseph Charles Plumb, Jr., Lt. Jg., 678505, Overland Park, Kans.  
Melvin Pollack, Capt., FV 3149044, Long Beach, N.Y.  
Robert Baldwin Purcell, Maj., 53786A., Louisville, Ky.  
Darrell Edwin Pyle, Capt., FV 3145936, Santa Ana, Cal.  
Richard Raymond Ratzlaff, Lt. Jg., 681476, Stvomsburg, Neb.  
James Edwin Ray, Capt., 80893A, Conroa, Tex.  
Jon A. Reynolds, Capt., FR 68584, Bela-Cynwyd, Pa.  
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Mark John Ruhling, Capt., FV 3139169, Pennsylvania  
Albert Edwards Runyan, Lt.C., FR 49475, Sumter, S.C.  
Kay Russell, L. Cdr., 563567, San Diego, Cal.

"Peter Van Schoeffel, L. Cdr., 584717, Naples, Fla.  
Paul Henry Schultz, L. Cdr., 616785, San Diego, Cal.  
Robert J. Schweitzer, Cdr., 571894, Lemoore, Cal.  
Bruce Gibson Seeber, Maj., 47135A, West Monroe, La.  
Joseph Francis Shanahan, Capt., FR 72170, Illinois  
James Richard Shively, Capt., FR 78909, Spokane, Wash.  
Robert Harper Shumaker, L. Cdr., 548955, La Jolla, Cal.  
Edwin Arthur Shuman, III, L. Cdr., 584738, Virginia Beach, Va.  
Gary Richard Sigler, 1st Lt., FV 3157864, Table Grove, Ill.  
Thomas William Sima, Maj., FV 3038065, Riverton, N.J.  
Praphan Sirion, U.S.A.F. warrant-officer, Udorn, Thailand  
Richard Eugene Smith, Jr., Maj., 57992, Las Vegas, Nev.  
Wayne Ogden Smith, Capt., FR 80670, Denedin, Fla.  
Larry Howard Spencer, Lt., 674085, Earlham, Iowa  
Charles David Stackhouse, Lt., 647984, Lemoore, Cal.  
Hugh Allen Stafford, L. Cdr., 614922, Cambridge, Md.  
Thomas James Sterling, Maj., FR 45475, Fort Walton Beach, Fla.  
Theodore Gerhard Stier, Lt., 669500, San Diego, Cal.  
Robert L. Stirm, Maj., FV 3036919, Foster City, Cal.  
James Bond Stockdale, Capt., 485624, Coronado, Cal.  
Richard Allen Stratton, L. Cdr., 602087, Hanford, Cal.  
Richard George Tangeman, Lt., 669370, Sanford, Fla.  
Charles N. Tanner, L. Cdr., 588973, Covington, Tenn.  
Russell E. Temperley, Maj., FR 59025, Newton, Mass.  
Ross Randle Terry, L. Cdr., 622502, Lake Jackson, Tex.  
Leo Keith Thorsness, Maj., FV 3025937, Sioux Falls, S.D.  
Loren Harvey Torkelson, Capt., FV 3155656, Crosby, N.D.  
William Michael Tschudy, Lt., 660481, Virginia Beach, Va.  
Gerald Santo Venanzi, Capt., FV 3173807, Trenton, N.J.  
Richard Dale Vogel, Maj., FR 49594, Hampton, Va.  
Raymond Arthur Vohden, L. Cdr., 586702, Memphis, Tenn.  
Donald Glenn Waltman, Maj., FR 53895, Kellogg, Idaho  
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Lewis Irving Williams, Jr., Lt. jg., 694463, Tampa, Fla.  
Glenn Hubert Wilson, Maj., FR 54287, San Antonio, Tex.  
Robert Deane Woods, Lt., 632730, Garden City, Mo.  
Lawrence D. Writer, Capt., FV 3156989, Olympus, Wash.  
James Faulds Young, Maj., FR 46611, family currently living in  
England.

"The following are confirmed as being dead by the  
North Vietnamese:

"Terry Arden Dennison, L. Cdr., 625395, California  
Ward Kent Dodge, Lt. C., 43924, Colorado  
Arthur S. Mearns, Lt. C., 45340, California  
Donald M. Singer, Lt. C. 2220822, Florida  
Ernest Albert Stamm, Cdr., 584755, Florida

"The following are not being held in North Vietnam  
and cannot be confirmed as being dead:

"Gilliand Corbett, Lt. C., 28361  
Richard Hubbs  
John D. Peace, III, L. Cdr., 613862"

The "Daily World", May 20, 1970, an east coast  
Communist newspaper, contained an article dated May 19, 1970  
which stated, "A spokesman for the Committee of Liaison  
announced the receipt last week of two packages containing a  
total of 156 letters written by 123 prisoners in North Vietnam.  
The letters were forwarded to families to whom they were  
addressed.

"At present 335 men are officially confirmed as  
being held in North Vietnam. All but 23 of their families have  
received mail."

Source four advised on April 27, 1970, that on page  
one of the Newsletter of the Committee of Returned Volunteers  
(CRV), May, 1970, indicated that Gerri Schwinn is "Now in  
Hanoi." Schwinn is the National Chairman of the CRV.

The CRV is self-described as an independent  
national organization of United States citizens  
who have worked in Asia, Africa and Latin

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America, who seek fundamental changes in United States policies toward emerging communities at home and around the world.

"CRV members have participated in peace demonstrations and marches ranging from the Pentagon to the Chicago Convention."

The same source advised on June 2, 1970, being in receipt of a letter from Gerri Schwinn from Hanoi. The letter reads as follows:

"May 21, 1970

"Dear Sisters and Brothers,

"These will be just a few random notes on the more striking impressions after a week in Vientiane, Laos and ten days in the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam. The week in Vientiane was caused by the red tape we had to go through to get on the ICC flight to Hanoi. One needs a letter of authorization from the US Embassy in Vientiane in order to fly to Hanoi. For some reason we got this without any problem.

"We spent a good deal of time in Vientiane with an American who is fluent in Lao (a CRV member). We went with him to the village outside Vientiane where he had worked for over a year (in an area not involved to date in military activity). We also went with him to a camp where 'refugees' from the Plain of Jars are 'housed.' These are people who were forcibly evicted from the Plain by the CIA-funded army of Meo tribesmen and flown out by the CIA's Air America before the Pathet Lao retook control of the Plain. The contrast between the two villages was striking. In the first we saw what looked to be a moderately prosperous village with comfortable houses, lots of activity and, from the few people we talked with, a fairly content populace. In the camp the evacuees were living in makeshift houses crowded together. We talked with about twenty 'refugees.' None expressed any pleasure about being forced to leave their land and their animals (all livestock was killed as the people were evacuated) though they had for many years been suffering from heavy US bombing of the Plain. They were receiving almost no assistance from the Royal Lao government or

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USAID. Their monthly food supplies last only two or three weeks; there is no medical attention (we saw children with running sores and signs of malnutrition) and though they have been given a little land to farm, no one has provided any seeds.

"In the DRVN we spent six days in Hanoi and made a four-day trip south to Vinh in Nghe An province. While in Hanoi we talked with our hosts, the Vietnamese Committee of Solidarity with the American People, about the current situation in Indo-China (throughout the visit the Vietnamese spoke of the Indo-China War not the War in Vietnam), their experiences during the War of Destruction (the four years of US bombing), their great victory in forcing the US to stop the bombing, their progress in building socialism in the North, and the state of the US anti-war movement. Also in Hanoi we visited with the Special Representative of the Provisional Revolutionary Government (PRG) of the Republic of South Viet Nam, a public information officer of the Pathet Lao, and North Vietnamese of the youth organization, the women's union, and the agency which works with minority peoples.

"While we were in Hanoi the Summit Meeting of the Indo-Chinese People convened by Prince Sihanouk was held somewhere on the Chinese-Vietnamese border. Prince Sihanouk headed the Cambodian delegation, with Prince Souphanavong at the head of the Laotian delegation, President Nguyen Huu Tho of the PRG of South Viet Nam, and Prime Minister Pham Van Dong of the DRVN. The joint statement from the Summit Meeting spoke in very strong terms of the commitment of the three Indo-Chinese peoples to cooperate in all possible ways to assure the defeat of the US, the complete withdrawal of US troops from Indo-China, and the victory of the PRG and the NLF in South Viet Nam, the Pathet Lao in Laos, and the National Union Front in Cambodia. In Very explicit language for such a public statement, the DRVN committed itself to giving aid and assistance to the three liberation struggles.

"The most striking impression that one carries away from even such a short stay as ours in Hanoi is how ordinary and normal everything seems in the city. The day begins at 5:00 and the

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streets are immediately filled with carts and trucks and thousands of people on bicycles. The stores and markets we visited contained a good stock of goods. We saw a number of men and women in uniform in Hanoi, but mostly they seemed to be on leave.

"As soon as we left Hanoi and began our drive south to Vinh, we saw the evidence of US bombing and for the whole 300 km. there was constant evidence that little if anything had been excluded from the US target list. Everything that has been written to date about the bombing in the North - the destruction in the South has been greater than in the North and the destruction in Laos has been greater than in South Vietnam - has understated the amount and widespread nature of the destruction.

"But even more striking than what US bombing did to the North is the sense we got of how the Vietnamese people responded. All the people we spoke with - both those in official positions and those we met in Nghe An province - would detail in graphic and, for us as Americans, discomfiting terms the extent of the destruction and suffering from the bombing. They all displayed, however, really great enthusiasm for their success in never allowing the US to prevent them from aiding the struggle in the South and developing their own society (the building of socialism) in the North, and for the great victory they had achieved over the US by forcing us to stop the bombing of their country. All were also unequivocal in saying that they would continue to do all in their power to continue to aid their 'kith and kin' in the South.

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"And what one knows even after so short a stay in the DRV/that the North will continue to aid the South (and the liberation struggles in Laos and Cambodia) and to build socialism in the North and that the war in Indo-China can only end in one of two ways: (1) The various genocidal and ecocidal tactics of the US will 'succeed' in putting an end to human life in Indo-China or (2) The US will acknowledge its defeat and the victory of the three Indo-Chinese liberation struggles by withdrawing all military personnel from the area and ending support of the puppet regimes in the area. There are no other choices. The

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anti-war movement and what there is of a white radical movement must intensify its efforts to prevent #1 and help to assure #2. There is a critical role for CRV in these efforts and our upcoming General Assembly provides an opportunity to find ways for us to act in the coming months.

"I look forward to sharing with you at the General Assembly and in an upcoming issue of the CRV Newsletter more details of my trip to Viet Nam and something of what happened during stops in Hong Kong, Manila, and Tokyo.

"As usual we find ourselves far short of the funds we need to carry out programs, so we make a strong plea to those who have already paid dues and/or contributed to do so again. (Two, three, many contributions!)

"Till June at the Assembly,

"Victory to the Indo-Chinese people,

"Revolucion es construir,

"Gerry"

Source five on April 17, 1970, advised that Gerald Schwinn traveled to Hanoi in connection with the COLIFAM. *12/1/70*

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STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY

A source has advised that the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), as presently regarded, came into being at a founding convention held June, 1962, at Port Huron, Michigan. From an initial posture of "participatory democracy" the line of the national leadership has revealed a growing Marxist-Leninist adherence which currently calls for the building of a revolutionary youth movement. Concurrently, the program of SDS has evolved from civil rights struggles to an anti-Vietnam war stance to an advocacy of a militant anti-imperialist position. China, Vietnam and Cuba are regarded as the leaders of worldwide struggles against United States imperialism whereas the Soviet Union is held to be revisionist and also imperialist.

At the June, 1969, SDS National Convention, Progressive Labor Party (PLP) forces in the organization were expelled. As a result, the National Office (NO) group maintained its National Headquarters at 1608 West Madison Street, Chicago, and the PLP faction set up headquarters in Cambridge, Massachusetts. This headquarters subsequently moved to Boston. Each group elected its own national officers, which include three national secretaries and a National Interim Committee of eight. Both the NO forces and the PLP forces claim to be the true SDS. Both groups also print their versions of "New Left Notes" which sets forth the line and the program of the particular faction. The NO version of "New Left Notes" was recently printed under the title "The Fire Next Time" to achieve a broader mass appeal.

Two major factions have developed internally within the NO group, namely, the Weatherman or Revolutionary Youth Movement (RYM) I faction, and the RYM II faction. Weatherman is action-oriented upholding CASTRO's position that the duty of revolutionaries is to make revolution. Weatherman is regarded by RYM II as an adventurist, elitist faction which denies the historical role of the working class as the base for revolution. RYM II maintains that revolution, although desired, is not possible under present conditions, hence emphasizes organizing and raising the political consciousness of the working class upon whom they feel successful revolution depends. Although

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disclaiming control and domination by the Communist Party, USA, leaders in these two factions have in the past proclaimed themselves to be communists and to follow the precepts of a Marxist-Leninist philosophy, along pro-Chinese communist lines.

A second source has advised that the PLP faction, which is more commonly known as the Worker Student Alliance, is dominated and controlled by members of the PLP, who are required to identify themselves with the pro-Chinese Marxist-Leninist philosophy of the PLP. They advocate that an alliance between workers and students is vital to the bringing about of a revolution in the United States.

SDS regions and university and college chapters, although operating under the outlines of the SDS National Constitution, are autonomous in nature and free to carry out independent policy reflective of local conditions. Because of this autonomy internal struggles reflecting the major factional interests of SDS have occurred at the chapter level since the beginning of the 1969-70 school year.

A characterization of the PLP is attached.

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LIBERATION MAGAZINE

"Liberation" Magazine (LM) is self-described as an independent monthly with offices at 339 Lafayette Street, New York, New York. A "Statement of Ownership, Management and Circulation" was published in the November, 1968 issue. It listed the Publisher and Editor of the magazine as DAVE DELLINGER. The circulation was given as 10,000.

The following comments appeared in a leaflet distributed by LM in May, 1968:

"Since its inception in 1956, Liberation has played an active and creative role in the growth of the new radicalism in the United States. From civil rights to black liberation, from 'ban the bomb' to the movement to end the war in Vietnam, Liberation has been vital. Its radical critique of American society and its emphasis on democratic and direct action against the inequalities and injustice of our present social structure have inspired radicals, young and old."

"In addition, Liberation will continue to carry articles and discussions written by and to community organizers, student and non-student activists, educators, economists and social scientists - of interest to anybody concerned with building a radical and nonviolent movement that will bring a fundamental change to the existing order."

On May 14, 1963, a source advised that during a speech in New York, New York, on May 10, 1963, DAVE DELLINGER identified himself as a pacifist. He stated it was necessary to abolish the cause of war, which was Capitalism. He advocated a Communist society and said, "I am a Communist," but further stated he was not a Soviet type Communist.

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PROGRESSIVE LABOR PARTY (PLP)

The "New York Times" city edition Tuesday, April 20, 1965, Page 27, reported that a new party of "revolutionary socialism" was formally founded on April 18, 1965, under the name of the PLP, which had been known as the Progressive Labor Movement.

According to the article, "The Progressive Labor Movement was founded in 1962, by MILTON ROSEN and MORTIMER SCHEER after they were expelled from the Communist Party of the United States for assertedly following the Chinese Communist line."

A source advised on June 3, 1968, that the PLP held its Second National Convention in New York City, May 31, to June 2, 1968, at which time the PLP reasserted its objective of the establishment of a militant working class movement based on Marxism-Leninism. This is to be accomplished through the Party's overall revolutionary strategy of raising the consciousness of the people and helping to provide ideological leadership in the working class struggle for state power.

The source also advised that at the Second National Convention, MILTON ROSEN was unanimously re-elected National Chairman of the PLP and LEVI LAUB, FRED JEROME, JARED ISRAEL, WILLIAM EPTON, JACOB ROSEN, JEFFREY GORDON and WALTER LINDER were elected as the National Committee to lead the PLP until the next convention.

The PLP publishes "Progressive Labor", a bimonthly magazine; "World Revolution", a quarterly periodical; and "Challenge-Desafio", a monthly newspaper.

The April, 1969, issue of "Challenge-Desafio", sets forth that "Challenge is dedicated to the peoples fight for a new way of life-where the working men and women control their own homes and factories; where they themselves make up the entire government on every level and control the schools, courts, police and all institutions which are now used to control them."

Source advised on May 8, 1969, that the PLP utilizes an address of General Post Office Box 808, Brooklyn, New York, and also utilizes an office in Room 617, 1 Union Square West, New York, New York.

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Date: 6/26/70

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-457899)

FROM: SAC, NORFOLK (100-6833)(P)

COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH  
FAMILIES OF SERVICEMEN DETAINED  
IN NORTH VIETNAM (COLIFAM)  
IS - MISCELLANEOUS; REGISTRATION ACT

OO: NEW YORK

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Re New York airtel to Bureau and All Offices, 6/9/70.

Investigation by the Norfolk Division has determined that there are a number of wives of POWs and MIAs residing in the Norfolk - Virginia Beach Area. Most of these wives are affiliated with an organization known as National League of Families of American Prisoners in Southeast Asia. Mrs. [REDACTED]

She related that in 3/70, she and several other wives met at her home with Reverend RICHARD FERNANDEZ of the Clergy and Laymen Concerned for Peace in Vietnam, and also affiliated with COLIFAM. He had planned to visit Hanoi and talk with American prisoners of war.

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At the meeting at Mrs. [REDACTED] residence, the wives gave FERNANDEZ several letters which they requested him to deliver to their husbands in North Vietnam, and he was also requested to endeavor to obtain information on several men who were missing in action and on whom no definite word had been received as to whether or not they were prisoners. FERNANDEZ

- ②-Bureau (RM)
- 2-Baltimore (RM)
- 2-Richmond (RM)
- 2-New York (100-168469) (RM)
- 2-Alexandria (RM)
- 2-Norfolk [REDACTED] (12)

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stated he would cooperate to the best of his ability to deliver the mail, obtain information concerning the men, and establish more effective lines for exchanging mail between the wives and their husbands.

According to Mrs. [REDACTED] at the meeting FERNANDEZ advised Hanoi had formed COLIFAM and had actually selected its members. In fact, he stated this several times although he furnished no specific information in that regard. FERNANDEZ stated that Hanoi sends letters from the prisoners to COLIFAM and then COLIFAM sends the letters to the wives. One of the wives in attendance at that meeting was [REDACTED] wife of [REDACTED] U. S. Navy who is a POW. Mrs. [REDACTED] local address is [REDACTED] Virginia Beach, Virginia. However, Mrs. [REDACTED] advised that Mrs. [REDACTED] is currently with her mother who is seriously ill and can be located at [REDACTED] Baltimore, Maryland, telephone [REDACTED]

Mrs. [REDACTED] stated that to her knowledge, Mrs. [REDACTED] has received no correspondence from her husband.

#### LEADS

##### BALTIMORE

AT BALTIMORE, MARYLAND. Interview Mrs. [REDACTED] at the above address for all pertinent information in her possession concerning FERNANDEZ' remarks at the aforementioned meeting and also pursuant to instructions set forth in New York airtel to Bureau, 6/9/70, particularly concerning any dealings she may have had with COLIFAM.

##### RICHMOND

VIRGINIA. Mrs. [REDACTED] advised that Mrs. [REDACTED] resides at [REDACTED] telephone [REDACTED] and is the wife of [REDACTED] who was taken POW 1/26/66. Richmond interview Mrs. [REDACTED] pursuant to instructions in referenced New York airtel.

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ALEXANDRIA

AT ALEXANDRIA, VA. If not already done, should contact ONI for all pertinent information concerning COLIFAM.

Investigation by Norfolk Division has determined that several wives of POWs have been receiving mail from their husbands through COLIFAM and that they have been advising ONI in that regard.

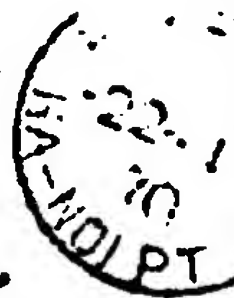
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AT NORFOLK, VIRGINIA. Will submit report and will continue to interview additional wives of known POWs.

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Captured in the Democratic Republic  
of Vietnam



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and family  
Admission

Oklahoma

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U.S.A.



Dearest Family,

Merry Christmas 1969! May  
your holiday season be a joyful  
one knowing that I am with  
you in spirit at all times. I  
am well and looking toward a  
future reunion with you all.  
God Bless You!

With my deepest love,

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 7-1-70

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Mrs. [REDACTED]  
 Oklahoma, furnished a copy of the following letter dated  
 February 8, 1970, from [REDACTED] to  
 Mrs. [REDACTED] and family, which  
 was sent to Mrs. [REDACTED] by the Committee of Liaison with  
 Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam (COLIFAM),  
 New York, New York, and received by Mrs. [REDACTED] on May 15, 1970:

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FOI [REDACTED]

30 [REDACTED]

On 6-26-70 at [REDACTED] Oklahoma File # Oklahoma City 100-7938

by SA [REDACTED] SA [REDACTED] Date dictated 6-29-70

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NGƯỜI GỬI (Addressor)

HỌ TÊN (Name in full):

SỐ LĨNH (Service number):

NƠI VÀ NGÀY SINH (Date & place of birth):

October 29, 1926 New York

ĐỊA CHỈ (Address):

TRẠI GIAM PHI CÔNG MỸ BỊ BẮT TẠI  
NƯỚC VIỆT - NAM DÂN CHỦ CỘNG HÒA

(Camp of detention for U.S. pilots captured  
in the DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC of VIETNAM)

GỬI (Addressee)

HỌ TÊN (Name in full):

ĐỊA CHỈ (Address):

U.S.A.

Oklahoma

Dear Family: I'm well & pray you are, too. Have 3 parcels from you. White chocolate, Kool-aid drink mix, etc., great, but don't need more clothes now. Am interested in news of you all. Reply using similar format as this & enclose pictures. Are car, taxes & insurance problems O.K.? I'm sure you youngsters are studying for college & helping your Mother. See you someday. Love & miss you all.

NGAY VIẾT (Dated) February 8, 1970

**CHÚ (N.B.):**

1. Phải viết rõ và chỉ được viết trên những dòng kẻ sẵn (Write legibly and only on the lines).
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3. Gia đình gửi đến cũng phải theo đúng mẫu, khuôn khổ và quy định này (Letters from families should also conform to this proforma).

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The "Daily Oklahoman" newspaper, issue of June 26, 1970, revealed an article, dateline New York, New York, entitled "Hanoi Says Only 334 PWs Held." The article stated, in part, as follows:

"North Vietnam has reportedly declared that a list of 334 American prisoners, compiled by a peace group in New York, is a complete list of all prisoners held in North Vietnam and has insisted that it is not holding any men not on the list.

"Information on Hanoi's position has come from a delegation of three Americans who have just visited Hanoi. The list was compiled by the Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam, a New York-based peace group headed by Mrs. Cora Weiss.

"Hanoi's claim that it is holding only 334 American prisoners was disputed by spokesmen for the Defense Department and the Department of State. The Defense Department says 376 Americans are prisoners of war in North Vietnam but has never published its list ...

"Following, as provided by the Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam, is the list of American prisoners from Oklahoma:

"FRED A. W. FRANKS, JR., 513370, Midwest City;  
GALAND D. KRAMER, FV3155965, Tulsa;  
HAROLD DELOSS MONLUX, FV3161422, Tulsa;  
THOMAS SHAW PYLE II, FV3103812, Cordell;  
ROBINSON RISNER, 26905, Oklahoma City;  
HERBERT CLIFFORD WALKER, JR., 3145724, Tulsa."

## COLIFAM

The following individuals advised on the dates indicated that they have no information concerning COLIFAM or members of COLIFAM contacting servicemen or families of servicemen in Oklahoma:

June 18, 1970

[REDACTED] b7c  
112th Military Intelligence Group (MIG)  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma;

June 18, 1970

[REDACTED] b7c RORR  
Naval Investigative Service (NIS)  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma;

June 18, 1970,  
and June 29, 1970

[REDACTED] b7c  
Office of Special Investigations (OSI)  
Tinker Air Force Base  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; b7c

June 25, 1970,  
and June 26, 1970

[REDACTED]  
Oklahoma Military Department  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Confidential informants, acquainted with New Left and related matters in Oklahoma, advised they have no information concerning COLIFAM or members of COLIFAM contacting servicemen or families of servicemen in Oklahoma.

On June 25, 1970, the libraries of the "Daily Oklahoman" "Oklahoma City Times" and "Oklahoma Journal" newspapers, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, were reviewed and revealed no information concerning COLIFAM or members of COLIFAM contacting servicemen or families of servicemen in Oklahoma other than the article which appeared in the March 7, 1970, issue of the "Daily Oklahoman" as set out previously herein.



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Internal Security Division

July 7, 1970

Director, FBI

1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

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COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES OF  
SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM (COLIFAM)  
REGISTRATION ACT  
EX-114

Reference is made to your letter of June 30, 1970,  
inquiring about the availability of a source for interview  
and a determination of his willingness to testify regarding  
captioned organization should prosecutive action be feasible.

This matter has been referred to the appropriate  
field office of this Bureau for action and you will be  
furnished the results when they become available.

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NOTE:

COLIFAM was organized in January, 1970, and is made  
up of individuals connected with the New Mobilization Committee  
to End the War in Vietnam. It is used as a conduit for the  
exchange of letters between POW's and their families in this  
country. At the request of the Department we are conducting  
a Registration Act investigation to determine if the organization  
and its officers should register as foreign agents.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-457899)

FROM : *RM* *b2c* SAC, HONOLULU (100-6781) (RUC)

SUBJECT: *Honolulu* COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH  
FAMILIES OF SERVICEMEN  
DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM  
(COLIFAM)  
IS - MISCELLANEOUS  
REGISTRATION ACT  
(OO: NEW YORK)

DATE: 7/7/70

Re New York airtel and LHM dated 6/9/70.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven copies of an LHM; and two copies of LHM for New York, captioned "COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES OF SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM (COLIFAM)."

The indices of the Honolulu Office as checked on 7/7/70, contain no information concerning COLIFAM.

Sources who were contacted concerning this organization with negative results are:

*b2c Honolulu*  
The above sources have been advised that they should be alert for any information concerning COLIFAM which comes to their attention.

*b2c REC-23*  
The Honolulu Office will remain alert for any information concerning this organization, and if any information is received the Bureau and Office of Origin will be immediately advised.

- ENCLOSURE*
- ② - Bureau (Enc. 11) (RAM)
  - 2 - New York (100-168469) (Enc. 2) (RAM)
  - 1 - Honolulu

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Honolulu, Hawaii  
July 7, 1970

COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH  
FAMILIES OF SERVICEMEN  
DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM  
(COLIFAM)

On July 7, 1970, [REDACTED] 710th Military  
Intelligence Detachment, Honolulu; [REDACTED] Naval  
Investigative Service Office, Pearl Harbor, and [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Office of Special Investigations, Hickam  
Air Force Base, Honolulu, were contacted and advised  
they had no information in their possession which would  
indicate that COLIFAM was functioning in the State of  
Hawaii.

During June - July, 1970, confidential sources,  
who have furnished reliable information in the past, were  
contacted and advised they could furnish no information  
concerning COLIFAM.

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Via AIRTEL

(Priority)

Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-457899)

FROM: SAC, WFO (100-50739) (P)

COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES  
OF SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM  
(COLIFAM)  
IS - MISCELLANEOUS; REGISTRATION ACT  
(OO:NY)

ReNYairtel and LHM captioned as above, dated 6/9/70;  
Tampa airtel and LHM to Bureau, dated 6/12/70; and Norfolk  
airtel, dated 6/12/70.

Enclosed for the Bureau are nine copies of an LHM  
dated and captioned as above. Enclosed for New York are two  
copies of mentioned LHM and nine copies of FD-302 reflecting  
interview with Mrs. [REDACTED]. Enclosed for San Diego  
are two copies of LHM and FD-302.

Investigation conducted by WFO revealed that the  
following individuals and their respective services would be  
in a position to advise of any contact of military personnel  
of their families by COLIFAM:

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ST-112  
③ - Bureau (enc. 9)  
2 - New York (100-168469) (enc. 11)  
2 - San Diego (enc. 4)  
2 - WFO

AGENCY: G-2, ONI, OSI, SEC. SER., STATE

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Approved: [REDACTED]

Special Agent in Charge

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Commander ROBERT S. BURROUGHS  
Naval Intelligence Command  
U. S. Navy  
Hoffman Building  
Alexandria, Virginia

Lt. Colonel ARTHUR KIDDER  
U.S. Air Force  
Ft. Belvoir, Virginia  
Telephone 664-4484

Captain BRUCE GREISEN  
U.S. Marine Corps  
Arlington Annex  
Arlington, Virginia  
Telephone CX-4-2219

Commander JOHN BRUCE  
DIA-AP7C  
Arlington Hall  
Arlington, Virginia  
Telephone CX-2-5928

These individuals handle the affairs of the captured American military personnel and their families, and would know of any contact by captioned group.

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On 6/25/70, [REDACTED]  
and [REDACTED]  
the American Legion, 1608 K Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. (WDC), both advised they were not familiar with COLIFAM nor have they received any complaints about them. [REDACTED] advised that a group called the National League of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia had recently opened an office at 1 Constitution Avenue, N.E., Washington, D.C. and might have information about COLIFAM.

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The representatives who contacted Mrs. [REDACTED] leader of the above mentioned group, on 6/25/70, were SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] b7c

The source who supplied the information concerning the House Sub-Committee on Internal Security was ROBERT HORNER, Chief Investigator for the Committee, Room 517, Cannon Office Building, WDC. HORNER advised that the following additional names now appear on COLIFAM's letterheads as being members of the group:

RICHARD J. BARNETT  
MADELINE DUCKLES  
Professor RICHARD FALK  
NORMAN FRUCHTER  
Professor DONALD KALISH  
Professor FRANZ SCHUERMANN

Member of League of  
Families Group -

NO LOC

LEADS:

ALEXANDRIA

AT ALEXANDRIA, ARLINGTON AND FORT BELVOIR, VIRGINIA.  
Will contact military authorities at listed places re any knowledge they have re COLIFAM's contact with servicemen or families of servicemen.

SAN DIEGO

AT [REDACTED] CALIFORNIA. Will locate and contact Mrs. [REDACTED] (see FD-302) and interview her re contacts with COLIFAM. b7c

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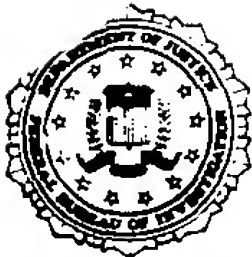
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WASHINGTON FIELD

AT WASHINGTON, D. C. (1) Will continue investigation to determine background information on new individuals appearing on COLIFAM's letterhead.

(2) Will conduct investigation to see if any of these individuals are registered pursuant to Foreign Agents Registration Act, 1938.

(3) Will continue to attempt to determine travel of any of COLIFAM's members to North Vietnam.



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
Washington, D. C. 20535  
July 2, 1970

7:29:53 49805 [redacted] b2c  
COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES  
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(COLIFAM) b2c

MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

On June 25, 1970, Mrs. [redacted] was contacted by representatives of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) concerning [redacted] a group called the National League of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia. Mrs. [redacted] stated that this group's headquarters would be located at 1 Constitution Avenue, N.E., Washington, D. C. (WDC). She described the purposes of the National League of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia as follows: DC.

"To assist all Americans who are missing or captured in Southeast Asia and their families (1) by securing humane treatment in accordance with the requirements of the 1949 Geneva Convention Relative to the Treatment of Prisoners of War and as recognized by general humanitarian standards for those Americans captured in Southeast Asia; (2) by obtaining identification of all those who are being held captive by the North Vietnamese, the Viet Cong, the Pathet Lao and any other hostile forces; (3) by obtaining proper medical care for all; (4) by making the American people and people of the world aware of the unconscionable plight of those Americans who are missing or captured in Southeast Asia and their families; (5) by facilitating and promoting communication of information of mutual interest among all families of missing and captured Americans; (6) by facilitating and developing activities with other private or public groups or organizations and governmental agencies which are working to achieve the same humanitarian

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